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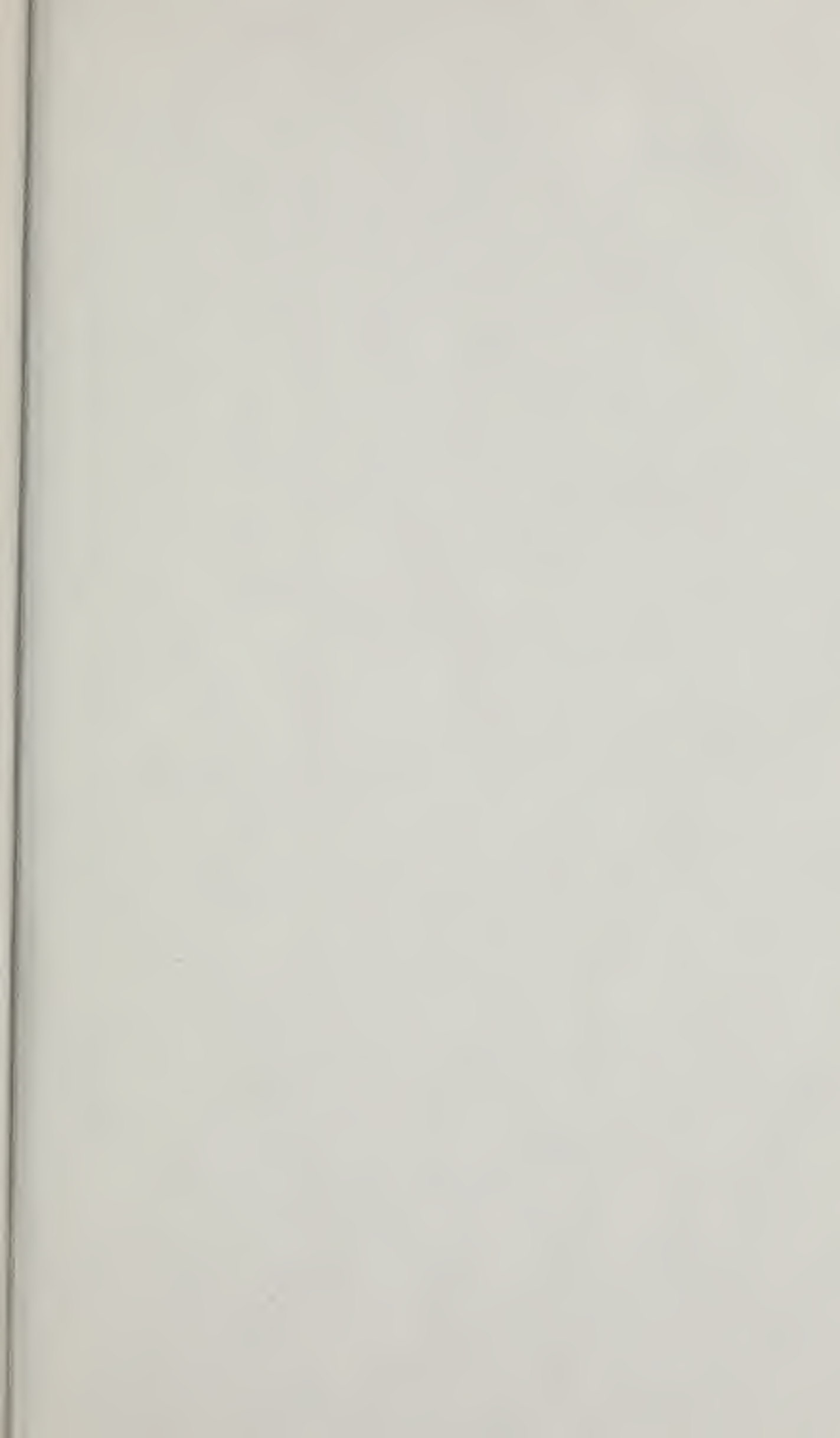
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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.



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CHARLES W. ELIOT, . . . . .	1905-1916

#### Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, . . . . .	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON, . . . . .	1896-1916

#### Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, . . . . .	1903-1916

#### Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1916
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#### Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW, . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1916

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**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

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CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.**

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by

law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**A R T I C L E I.**

**O F M E M B E R S.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E I I.**

**O F F O U N D E R S , L I F E A S S O C I A T E S A N D C O N T R I B U T O R S.**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.



## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.



TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-sixth annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, now a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation in Stoneham, retains all its attractiveness, and is well cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission. No damage has been done to the tree growth by insect pests, and the superintendent of the reservation considers the forestry conditions here superior to other sections under his charge. During the year the footbridge over the brook has been partially rebuilt, and the path repaired. The former site of an old house on Pond Street has been graded over and will be kept as a grassy clearing, making a pleasant opening into the Wood. The flowering dogwood is found mixed with the hemlock and pine in this section, and well repays a visit in the spring.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, has been cared for by the local committee, the town making its usual appropriation for the work. A certain amount of spraying along the roads, and creosoting of the gypsy-moth nests, has been sufficient to prevent injury to the trees. The roads have required repairs, the fire belts have been ploughed out, and dead trees and branches have been removed.

*Mount Ann Park* has had painstaking care from the local committee, and its tree growth is in excellent condition. The forester employed by your committee has selected three locations on the mountain from which attractive views can be obtained after the cutting of vistas has been made in accord-

ance with the suggestion made in the last report. These locations are somewhat distributed, and signs will be installed directing the public to them. Very little cutting will be required, and the trees which are to come out have been marked and will be removed this winter. The forester has also recommended cutting a trail to Beehive Rock and some additional signs marking paths in the park, both of which suggestions should be carried out.

*Rocky Narrows* and the adjoining camping grounds on the Charles River in Sherborn have been considerably used during the summer season. The rules seem to have been well respected, and no wanton damage has been done, nor is there evidence of misuse such as there has been reason to complain of in past years. The ravages of the gypsy moth have been less than usual this year, which is encouraging, as this holding is so situated that little can be done for its protection.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field* on Milton Hill does not call for special mention. The local committees have attended to such care as has been required, and apparently the public continue to appreciate the extensive and beautiful view which the field affords.

*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, has again required considerable attention. The forestry work required by the chestnut blight and serious woods fires of a few years ago has continued on the plan previously adopted, except that this year, by advice of experts, red pine has been substituted for white pine in the new planting, because the red pine is thought to be exempt from the blister disease. The planting of previous years has proved unusually successful, very few of the seedlings having died. The Massachusetts Highway Commission is relocating, regrading and rebuilding the road between Great Barrington and Stockbridge, which passes the foot of the mountain and is the only public means of approach to the reservation. A severe change of grade at the point where the reservation road leaves the highway makes it necessary to construct another entrance at a different location, and to build a short piece of connecting road. This work and some necessary repairs to the mountain road can be carried out in the spring. The site of the Hickey



house has been cleared of débris, and it is proposed to remove the old barns, which are of no further use or value.

*Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, has been kept in order and the grass mowed where there was sufficient to make it worth doing. The local custodian recommends additional seats and some swings for the children. He also states that repairs to the fences will be required another year. The income of the fund which was given for the care of the knoll is small, and hardly sufficient to provide for the ordinary care required each year. The use of the knoll is mostly local, and your committee feel that if additional attractions or conveniences are to be provided there should be further contributions to the maintenance funds from those most interested.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburgh, has had its usual number of visitors during the summer season. The path to the summit has been repaired, dead trees and brush removed and the place kept clean and in good order. A few trees have succumbed to the chestnut blight, but on the whole the conditions in this respect are encouraging.

George Sheldon of Deerfield, one of the incorporators of the Trustees of Public Reservations, and its Vice-President since 1896, died on Dec. 23, 1916, in the ninety-ninth year of his age. He was born, lived and died in the town of Deerfield, a descendant of one of its early settlers, and his name and fame will naturally be associated with the history of the Connecticut Valley where he was so widely known, respected and loved. For more than forty years he had been writing books and pamphlets on the history of the district with which he was so closely affiliated. The local historical society, The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Society, was founded by him, and he was its president from the beginning. His historical work was recognized by his election to membership in the Massachusetts Historical Society. He was from the first interested in the work of the Trustees of Public Reservations, and was a constant attendant at their meetings so long as his strength and health permitted him to come to Boston for that purpose. After that, messages from him indicated that his interest had not waned, for his mental energy was retained by him to the end, and he was engaged in historical work in

the last weeks of his long life. Those of us who have known him will always retain the memory of his picturesque figure in old age, — the massive frame, the white locks and wonderful beard, the fresh complexion and bright eyes, the charm of his soft voice and gentle manners, which made it a pleasure to be associated with him.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
EDWARD W. FORBES,  
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,

*Standing Committee.*

JAN. 31, 1917.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

DR.	General Purpose Fund.				CR.
			1916.		
		\$92 87	Mar. 30	Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company, printing, . . . . .	\$3 50
1916. Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .			John Woodbury, secretary's expenses from July 28, 1909, to Nov. 10, 1915, . . . . .	116 22
13	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), . . . . .	35 00	30	Wright & Potter Printing Company, for printing twenty-fifth annual report, . . . . .	91 43
13	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s, . . . . .	100 00	Oct. 16	Paid assessment on \$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Inc. 5s, . . . . .	1 75
Feb. 8	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s, . . . . .	25 00	Dec. 15	By balance, . . . . .	317 35
Mar. June	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	15 85			
July 6	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	16 67	31		
	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio 3½s (Southwestern Division), . . . . .	35 00			
6	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s, . . . . .	100 00			
Aug. 4	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s, . . . . .	25 00			

Cr.

General Purpose Fund — Con.

Dr.

1916. Sept. Dec.	To interest on deposits, To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Bir- mingham Inc. 5s: 1 due March 1, 1915; 1 due Sept. 1, 1915; 1 due March 1, 1916, and 1 due Sept. 1, 1916, \$12.50 each, . . . . .	\$17 32			
	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	50 00			
		17 54			
		<u>\$530 25</u>			<u>\$530 25</u>
1917. Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$317 35			

Dr.

Governor Hutchinson's Field.

Cr.

1916. Jan. 1 3	To balance, . . . . .	\$422 95	1916. July 25	Paid town of Milton for spraying trees, .	\$15 00
	To subscription from trustees under will of Mrs. Mary Cunningham for care of field, . . . . .	100 00	Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	507 95
		<u>\$522 95</u>			<u>\$522 95</u>
	To balance, . . . . .	\$507 95			

<i>Mount Ann Park.</i>				Cr.
Dr.				
		<b>1916.</b>		
		Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	\$517 30
<b>1916.</b>	To balance, . . . . .	\$477 30		
Jan. 1	To coupons American Telephone and Tel-	20 00		
13	egraph Company 4s, . . . . .	20 00		
July 6	To coupons American Telephone and Tel-			
	egraph Company 4s, . . . . .	\$517 30		\$517 30
<b>1917.</b>	To balance, . . . . .	\$517 30		
Jan. 1				
<i>Monument Mountain Reservation.</i>				
Dr.				Cr.
		<b>1916.</b>		
		July 27	Paid George T. Carlisle, Jr., for profes-	\$173 95
			sional services, . . . . .	111 96
			Paid W. M. Healey, for fighting fires, etc.,	60 00
			Paid W. M. Healey for care, . . . . .	746 86
		Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	
<b>1916.</b>	To balance, . . . . .	\$557 77		
Jan. 1	To sale of wood, . . . . .	60 00		
Feb. 14	To coupon Electric Securities Corporation	25 00		
	5s, . . . . .	40 00		
Mar. 10	To interest Kansas City, Memphis &	125 00		
	Birmingham Inc. 4s, . . . . .	25 00		
	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s, .			
Aug. 4	To coupons Electric Securities Corpora-			
	tions 5s, . . . . .			

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

Cr.

*Monument Mountain Reservation — Con.*

Dr.

<b>1916.</b>				
Aug. 10	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s, .	\$125 00		
31	To rent of Hickey Farm, . . . . .	50 00		
Sept. 5	To interest Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Inc. 4s, . . . . .	40 00		
Nov. 14	To sale of timber, . . . . .	45 00		
		<u>\$1,092 77</u>		<u>\$1,092 77</u>
<b>1917.</b>				
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$746 86		

Dr.

*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*

Cr.

<b>1916.</b>		<b>1916.</b>		
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03	Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .
		<u>\$49 03</u>		\$49 03
<b>1917.</b>				
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03		



Dr.	Virginia Wood.			Cr.
		1916. Dec. 31		
1916. Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,275 03	By balance, . . . . .	\$1,390 03
13	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, . . . . .	17 50		
Mar. 10	To coupons American Telephone and Tel- egraph 4s, . . . . .	40 00		
July 6	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, . . . . .	17 50		
Aug. 10	To coupons American Telephone and Tel- egraph 4s, . . . . .	40 00		
		<u>\$1,390 03</u>		<u>\$1,390 03</u>
1917. Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,390 03		

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

<i>Petticoat Hill.</i>			Cr.
<b>Dr.</b>			
<b>1916.</b>		<b>1916.</b>	
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$145 74	\$25 00
3	To coupon American Telephone and Tel- egraph 4s, . . . . .	20 00	160 74
July 6	To coupon American Telephone and Tel- egraph 4s, . . . . .	20 00	
		<u>\$185 74</u>	<u>\$185 74</u>
<b>1917.</b>			
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$160 74	
<b>Dr.</b>			
<i>Goodwill Park.</i>			Cr.
<b>1916.</b>		<b>1916.</b>	
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$50 41	\$50 41
		<u>\$50 41</u>	<u>\$50 41</u>
<b>1917.</b>			
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$50 41	

Paid G. A. Thresher for care, . . . . .  
By balance, . . . . .

By balance, . . . . .

Pine Knoll.			Cr.
Dr.			
1916.		1916.	
Jan. 13	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, . . . . .	Jan. 1	By balance, . . . . .
July 6	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, . . . . .	Feb. 7	Paid W. D. French for care and expenses, . . . . .
Dec. 31	To balance, . . . . .		
			\$140 75
			44 93
			<u>\$185 68</u>
		1917.	
		Jan. 1	By balance, . . . . .
			\$150 68
Trial Balance.			
	Cash, . . . . .		General Purpose Fund, . . . . .
	Pine Knoll, . . . . .		Governor Hutchinson's Field, . . . . .
			Mount Ann Park, . . . . .
			Monument Mountain Reservation, . . . . .
			Rocky Narrows Reservation, . . . . .
			Virginia Wood, . . . . .
			Petticoat Hill, . . . . .
			Goodwill Park, . . . . .
			\$317 35
			507 95
			517 30
			746 86
			49 03
			1,390 03
			160 74
			50 41
			<u>\$3,739 67</u>

*Securities held by the Treasurer.*

Virginia Wood: \$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph convertible 4s; \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.  
 Monument Mountain Reservation: \$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; \$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s;

\$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

General Purpose Fund: \$2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); \$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s; \$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); \$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. Income 5s.

Pine Knoll: \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Mount Ann Park: \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

Petticoat Hill, \$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph 4s.

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The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
*Auditing Committee.*













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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.



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CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, . . . . .	1903-1917

#### Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1917
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#### Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW, . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1917

### LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1916.

	ACRES
Virginia Wood, . . . . .	20
Goodwill Park, . . . . .	139
Rocky Narrows, . . . . .	21
Mount Ann Park, . . . . .	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field, . . . . .	10
Monument Mountain Reservation, . . . . .	260
The Pine Knoll, . . . . .	6
Petticoat Hil., . . . . .	50

**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

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## CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by

law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.



**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**A R T I C L E I.**

**O F M E M B E R S.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E I I.**

**O F F O U N D E R S , L I F E A S S O C I A T E S A N D C O N T R I B U T O R S.**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.



## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## A R T I C L E I V.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.



TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-seventh annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, now a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, has been well cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission. The forestry work which has been done during the past few years has greatly improved the tree growth, and the young hemlocks which have seeded in under the old mature trees are making a vigorous growth. The object in view in the forestry work in this section of the Fells, especially in the middle and southerly parts, is to eliminate gradually all of the deciduous trees, and to free the young hemlock and pine so as to produce eventually a pure evergreen growth. Mixed with this growth in the southerly section are some fine specimens of white flowering dogwood, and vistas are being opened up so as to show these groups of dogwood against the dark background of the evergreens. Many people consider *Virginia Wood* to be the most beautiful and interesting part of the larger reservation.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, has had a greater use than in any previous year. The local committee have had charge of the expenditure of the regular annual appropriation of \$300 made by the town. It has been used in repairing the roads, widening them in some of the narrower places, removing stones from the playground, ploughing out the fire belt on one of the boundaries, spraying trees along the drives and removing fallen and dead trees. The condition of the park is thus being improved from year to year, and its attractiveness steadily increases.

*Mount Ann Park*, in Gloucester, has been cared for by the local committee and is in good condition. The entrances from New Way Lane and Essex Street have been improved and the woods properly cared for. A suggestion was received from a private individual that extensive cutting should be made for the purpose of supplying wood to be sold in the neighborhood. Your Committee is informed that there is an abundant supply of fuel to be obtained in this locality from lands in private ownership, but apart from this fact, any extensive cutting would appear to be inconsistent with the terms of the gift which expressly provides that this holding shall be maintained as a wild park.

*Rocky Narrows*, on the Charles River in Sherborn, has been cared for by a local committee, but has not required much attention. Signs have been maintained, stating the conditions under which the camping ground may be used by canoeists, and no misuse of the privilege has been reported this year. The location of this holding is such that it is seldom visited except by those traveling on the river.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, has been cared for in the usual manner, and no change in its condition is to be noted. The recent dedication in the First Church of Boston of a beautiful memorial to the once unpopular provincial Governor again calls public attention to the historical significance of the field, the view from which was so dear to its ancient owner. It is interesting to note that with the lapse of time and changing circumstances in the world, the many sterling qualities of this unfortunate official have come to be recognized.

*Monument Mountain Reservation* will require considerable attention the ensuing year, especially in the neighborhood of the State highway which has been constructed along the southeasterly side of the reservation in place of the former roadway between Great Barrington and Stockbridge. The work is nearly completed from the foot of the hill northerly to a point near the entrance to the reservation. A deep cut along a part of the boundary obliterated the old entrance and made it necessary to provide a new one at a point farther north, and to construct a piece of road in the reservation



from the new entrance to the old roadway up the mountain. This work has been done by the Massachusetts Highway Commission. The cut referred to and a fill farther down the highway make ugly scars along the boundary which will require planting of trees, shrubs and vines, and a considerable period of time must elapse before a natural and agreeable appearance can be restored. The plans of the Highway Commission contemplate the further extension of this highway for a mile or more in the direction of Stockbridge in the coming year. The young red and white pines which have been planted are doing well. The chestnut growth, affected by the blight, is dying off and is being removed as rapidly as practicable. The Committee has employed a forester to visit the reservation from time to time to keep them informed as to its condition and to advise them as to what should be done in the way of either protection or improvement in the tree growth. The arable land at the foot of the mountain and the buildings thereon have been let during the year to the same tenant as heretofore. The path up the mountain from the west and from the "Farm" should be cleared and improved during the winter and spring, as they have been much more used the last two years than formerly.

*Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, was cared for by the local custodian in the usual manner. He reports that some fencing will be required the coming year, and that additional settees are desirable.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, has had the usual number of visitors during the year, most of them coming as usual from Northampton and its vicinity. The chestnut blight is gradually killing off the chestnut growth in this reservation, and the affected trees have been cut and removed. Some thoughtless mischief has been done, apparently by boys, in removing screw caps from the memorial tablet and by occasional breakage of seats and waste barrels, but it is hoped that further action of this kind will not occur.

Since this board was created in 1891, great progress has been made throughout the State in the acquirement and preservation for public use of beautiful and historic places. In the region about Boston the Metropolitan Park Commission has established a system of parks which, combined with

the holdings of the local park and water boards, makes the metropolitan park system one of the largest and most useful improvements of the kind in the world. The number of local park commissions has also increased during the same period. Many of the most interesting mountains, such as Greylock and Wachusett, have been acquired by the State, and their care and maintenance placed in the hands of State-appointed commissioners or county officers. All these activities have perhaps somewhat reduced the scope of the work of this organization as it was originally conceived, but the movements which led to them have not only met with the approval of the Trustees, but the corporation and many of its members take pride in having had a part in this excellent work. There remain other things which the Trustees might accomplish, if they had a larger general fund to draw upon. Frequently, your Committee has had called to its notice the desirability of preserving some particular spot of beauty or interest where a park commission or other public body cannot be successfully called upon to act. In some cases land is offered as a gift, but even in such a case, in the absence of a fund providing an income for maintenance, the Trustees are precluded from acceptance, for even wild land requires some attention and care. Believing that such a fund for the general purposes of the organization is desirable, your Standing Committee has frequently suggested it in its reports, and has on one occasion tried to bring it to the attention of the public through a newspaper advertisement. So far, however, no responses have been received except in a few instances in which testators, at the suggestion of members of the corporation, have recognized by legacies the value of the purposes of the corporation. Your Committee believes that an effort on the part of the members of the corporation to call to the attention of those capable of contributing, either now or later by testamentary means, to the general fund of the Trustees might result in increasing distinctly the activities and usefulness of the organization.

Since the last annual meeting the corporation has lost one member by the death of Walter C. Wright of Medford. He was a son of Elizur Wright, whose name is so closely con-



nected with the movement for the preservation of the Middlesex Fells, and who was well known for his love of nature and outdoor life. Mr. Walter Wright shared his father's sympathies, and joined with other members of his family in gifts of land to the State to ensure the creation of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. He was interested in the purposes of this organization, and occasionally took an active part in its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
EDWARD W. FORBES,  
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,  
*Standing Committee.*

JAN., 30, 1918.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

Dr. Cr.  
*General Purpose Fund.*

1917.			1917.		
			Dec. 13	Dec. 31	
Jan. 1	To balance,		\$317 35		
9	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),				Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company, for printing twenty-sixth annual report,
June 28	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),		35 00		By balance, . . . . .
Jan. 9	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s,		35 00		
June 28	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s,		100 00		
Mar. 8	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s,		100 00		
July 20	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s,		25 00		
Mar. 13	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 5s,		25 00		
			12 50		

Sept. 13	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 5s, . . . . .	12 50			
Apr.	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	19 73			
July	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	20 22			
Oct.	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	21 64			
		<u>\$723 94</u>			<u>\$723 94</u>
1918.					
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$627 02			
Dr.	Governor Hutchinson's Field.				
					Cr.
1917.			1917.		
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$507 95	Aug. 20	Paid town of Milton for spraying trees, . . . . .	\$21 00
	To subscription from trustees under will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham for care of field, . . . . .	100 00	Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	586 95
		<u>\$607 95</u>			<u>\$607 95</u>
1918.					
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$586 95			





Sept. 13	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric Com- pany 5s, . . . . .	125 00	31	By balance, . . . . .	963 60
Mar. 13	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Bir- mingham 4s, . . . . .	40 00			
Sept. 13	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Bir- mingham 4s, . . . . .	40 00			
Mar. 27	To proceeds sale of trees, . . . . .	53 75			
June 4	To rent of Hickey Farm, . . . . .	25 00			
		<u>\$1,205 61</u>			<u>\$1,205 61</u>
1918.					
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$963 60			

Dr.	<i>Rocky Narrows Reservation.</i>				Cr.
1917.			1917.		
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03	Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	\$49 03
1918.					
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03			

Dr.		Virginia Wood.		Cr.
			1917. Dec. 31	
1917.				
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,390 03		
1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s, . . . . .	17 50		
June 28	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s, . . . . .	17 50		
Mar. 13	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	40 00		
Sept. 13	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	40 00		
		<u>\$1,505 03</u>		<u>\$1,505 03</u>
1918.				
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,505 03		

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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Dr.	Goodwill Park.				Cr.
<b>1917.</b>				<b>1917.</b>	
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .		\$50 41	By balance, . . . . .	\$50 41
<b>1918.</b>					
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .		\$50 41		





*Securities held by the Treasurer.*

Virginia Wood: \$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s; \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.  
 Monument Mountain Reservation: \$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; \$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s; \$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

General Purpose Fund: \$2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); \$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s; \$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); \$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. income 5s.

Pine Knoll: \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Mount Ann Park: \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

Petticoat Hill: \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

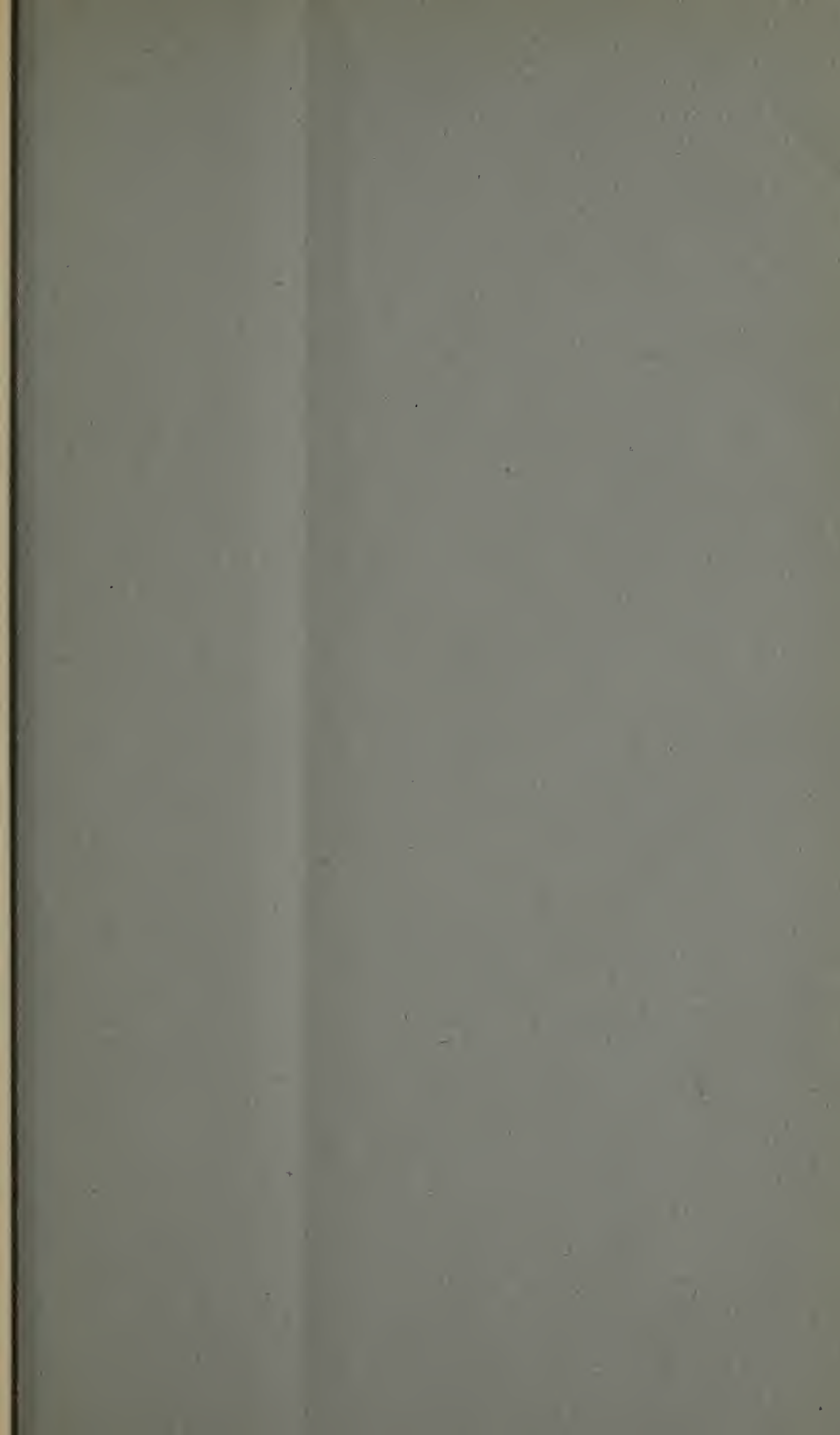
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The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
*Auditing Committee.*









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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_dollars.

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.



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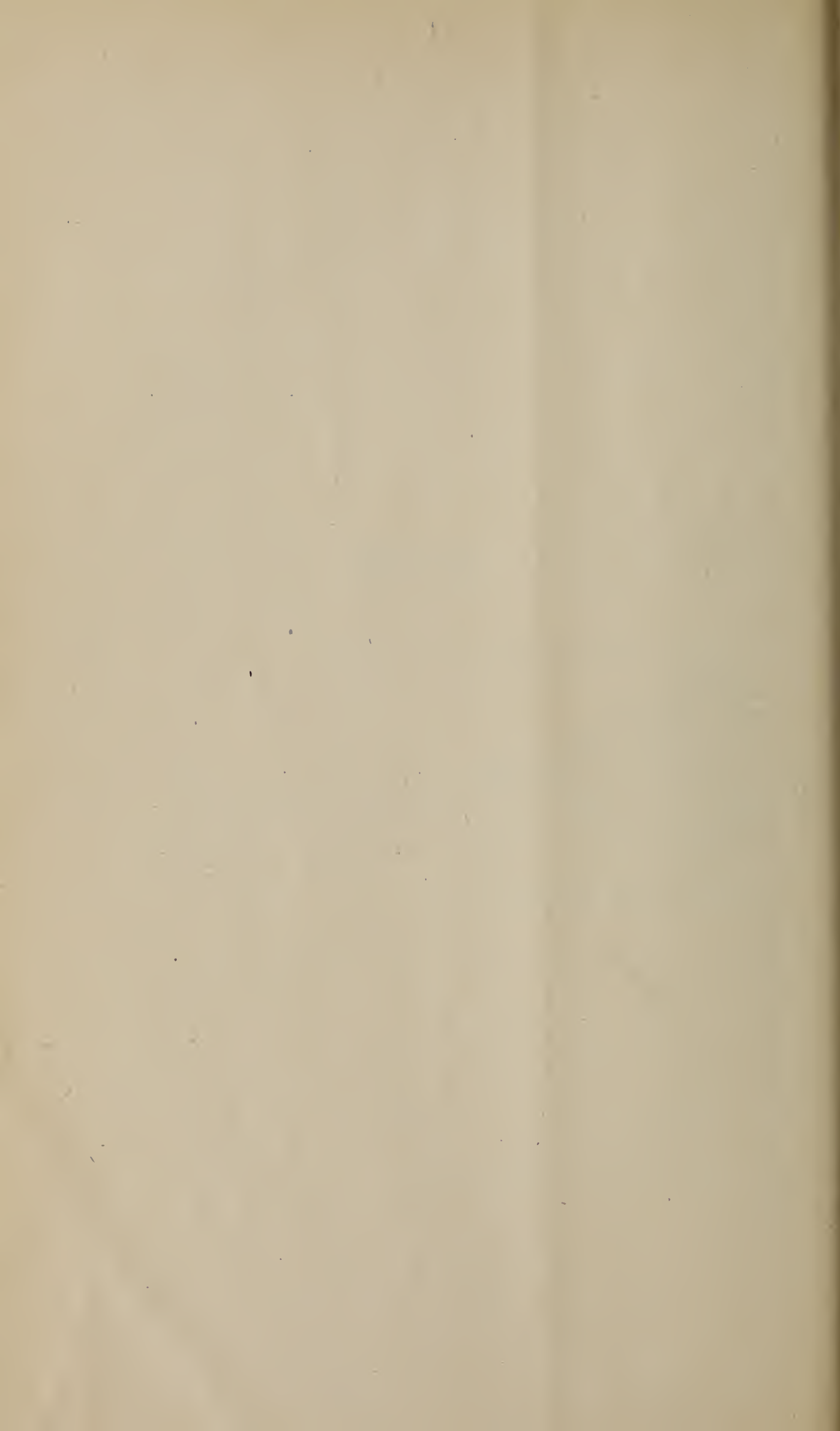
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CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

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\* Deceased.

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CHARLES W. ELIOT, . . . . .	1905-1918

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WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, . . . . .	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON, . . . . .	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES, . . . . .	1917-1918

#### Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, . . . . .	1903-1918

#### Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1918
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#### Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW, . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1918

### LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1916.

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Petticoat Hill, . . . . .	50



**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

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CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.**

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by



law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**A R T I C L E I.**

**O F M E M B E R S.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E I I.**

**O F F O U N D E R S , L I F E A S S O C I A T E S A N D C O N T R I B U T O R S .**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed



changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-eighth annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, is cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. On account of the scarcity of labor, due to war conditions, very little work was done in the wood during the past season, except the necessary cleaning up and general care. The condition of the trees is excellent and improving every year, and the results of the forestry work which has been done during the past few years are beginning to show, particularly in the small clearings where the encroaching hardwoods were removed and the young seedling hemlocks freed. A number of trees were removed to show, from Ravine Road, the splendid bank of flowering dogwood against the dark background of hemlock on the side hill.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, is in charge of a local committee, who report that the town made its usual annual appropriation of \$300, which has been used in ordinary expenses of maintenance. The roads have been repaired, and in some places have been widened and straightened. An open spot of about half an acre has been kept mowed for the use of picnickers. Considerable dead wood was taken out last winter, and was given to needy families for fuel during that distressing period. In the spring spraying was done by the town in those portions of the park where it was practicable to take a sprayer. During the summer the park was considerably used by visitors, with apparent enjoyment.



The local committee recommend some planting this spring of spruce or pine to replace the oaks which have died and been removed.

*Mount Ann Park*, in Gloucester, has been well cared for by the local committee. The paths around the base of the mountain were trimmed out in the spring and a new path opened to the Bee Hive Boulder. Another path was begun, to connect with the road between the two reservoirs of the city on neighboring land. Some clearing was done on the mountain and several vistas opened from the summit. The view towards the town of Essex and Ipswich Neck is particularly attractive. A considerable number of dead trees were removed at the entrance to the park. With a very small expenditure and a generous gift of his own time, our fellow member and local representative, Mr. Haskell, has kept this wild park protected and in good condition, and for this service the Trustees are much indebted.

*Rocky Narrows*, on the Charles River in Sherborn, has suffered some, but not severely, during the year from the gypsy moth. Several matters will require attention this year. A new bridge connecting the island with the mainland must be built, dead trees should be removed, and a new standard for the posting of rules erected. It is probable that during the war period the reservation was less visited than usual, for it is principally a resort of canoeists, which means for the most part young and vigorous men.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, calls for no special mention this year. It is cared for by a committee of the Trustees, and has had the usual amount of attention. The Trustees wish to acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Charles Pierce in bearing the entire expense of the fencing on the southeast boundary of the field which adjoins his property. Acknowledgment should also be made to the Trustees under the will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham, who have contributed from a fund in their hands the sum of \$100 annually for several years towards the care and improvement of the field. Mrs. Cunningham was interested in the preservation of the field as an open reservation, and contributed a substantial portion of the land.



*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, has presented a number of problems and has received much attention during the year. In the early part of 1918 the work of clearing the woods of dead or diseased trees was hampered by heavy snows and shortage of labor. The hauling of wood from the lot lying to the north of the reservation, which has a right of way through the park, has never been completed. This is probably owing in part, at least, to the heavy snows and shortage of labor above mentioned. This lot to the north of the reservation has now passed into the ownership of Mr. Henry McBurney of Stockbridge, who also owns the Dwight Farm, so called, on the northerly side of the mountain, and because of that ownership it is not likely in the future that he will have occasion to use the right of way through the park.

The reservation has been visited by our forester, whose policy has been to clean up all the areas that have been cut over, especially where the trees are dying, and to pursue a system of thinning out to cause an improvement in growth. It is hoped that two contracts for clearing up portions of the reservation will be carried through within a short time. In September several members of the Standing Committee visited the reservation, and after looking over the ground very thoroughly decided to remove all the chestnut timber, which is largely diseased, and all dead trees and rotten wood from about 10 acres of land on the westerly side of the main path leading through the reservation. It was made a condition that this should all be done by June 1, 1919. It has also been arranged to have all the chestnut timber, dead trees and rotten wood cleared from a strip of land under the cliffs on the east side of the main path. It is the present intention of the Trustees to plant the cleared tract on the west side of the road with laurel, and on the east side to plant evergreens, probably either hemlock or red pine. The main path or road is in an unsatisfactory condition in two respects, — in the first place, the substituted entrance from the new State highway into the park is not adequate in construction, and must be improved; in the second place, owing to the continued use of the road further

up for hauling down timber, it would have been an absolute waste of money to put it in order, as the heavy loads cut and tear the road to pieces, and the next heavy rainstorm washes the material away. Just as soon as the hauling of wood is finished it is hoped that this road may be adequately treated and improved.

The Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge, the forerunner of all village improvement societies in the country, takes a great local pride and interest in the Monument Mountain Reservation, and during the past year has, with the approval of your committee, placed in the reservation a number of guide signs for the direction of visitors; it has also done much useful work in keeping the paths and trails cleared of fallen timber and undergrowth. The friendly interest of this association is regarded as a matter of distinct value to the Trustees, because it assures them of co-operation by an influential society in all attempts which are made to safeguard the property from abuse or misuse, and also from the ravages of forest fires.

*The Pine Knoll Reservation*, in Sheffield, has been in charge of a local custodian as heretofore. It was hoped that some of the members of the Standing Committee would be able to visit this reservation last autumn, but such was not the case, owing to lack of time. It has been brought to the attention of the Trustees that certain citizens of Sheffield are now anxious to have this reservation improved and made more attractive, and the Trustees are giving the matter serious consideration, in the hope of being able to work out a plan which will enable them to accede to this desire.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, was visited by the usual number of people in the spring and summer, but the custodian reports that the prevalence of the influenza in the fall noticeably reduced the number of visitors, most of whom came from the adjoining city of Northampton by the electric cars.

The progress of the chestnut blight rendered it necessary to remove practically all of that growth from the rear part of the reservation, and the work was carried out this last fall. There is a considerable amount of hemlock coming on



in the part cut over, and the proceeds from the sale of the chestnut can be used towards additional planting if it is found desirable. There are still some chestnut trees mixed in with the other tree growth in the reservation which it will be necessary to remove this coming year. This should be done with such care as will preserve the trees it is desired to retain.

Two members of the Corporation have died during the year, — Charles R. Codman of Cotuit, and Henry M. Lovering of Taunton. There are now forty-six members of the Corporation, and the number of members is limited by the by-laws to “not exceeding fifty.” The Standing Committee have made one nomination to be voted on at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
EDWARD W. FORBES,  
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*  
*Standing Committee.*

JAN. 29, 1919.





July 18	To coupons Electric Securities Corpora- tion 5s, . . . . .	25 00		
18	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	23 51		
Aug. 9	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 5s, . . . . .	12 50		
Oct.	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	25 37		
		<u>\$1,065 73</u>		<u>\$1,065 73</u>
1919 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$927 88		

Governor Hutchinson's Field.

1918 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$586 95	1918 Aug. 13	Paid for spraying trees, . . . . .	\$18 00
3	To subscription from Trustees under will of Mary A. Cunningham for care of field, . . . . .	100 00	Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	668 95
		<u>\$686 95</u>			<u>\$686 95</u>
1919 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$668 95			



July 18	To coupon Electric Securities Corpora- tion 5s, . . . . .	25 00		
Aug. 9	To coupon Seattle-Everett Electric Com- pany 5s, . . . . .	125 00		
9	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s, . . . . .	40 00		
		<u>\$1,343 60</u>		<u>\$1,343 60</u>
1919 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,207 28		

Rocky Narrows Reservation.

1918 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03	1918 Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	\$49 03
1919 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03			

Dr.		Virginia Wood.		Cr.	
1918 Jan. 1 2 Apr. 16 7 Aug. 9	To balance,		1918 Dec. 31	By balance,	\$1,620 03
	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s,	\$1,505 03			
	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	17 50			
	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s,	40 00			
	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	17 50			
		40 00			
		\$1,620 03			\$1,620 03
1919 Jan. 1	To balance,	\$1,620 03			
Petticoat Hill.					
1918 Jan. 1 2	To balance,		1918 Jan. 4	Paid G. H. Thresher for care,	\$25 00
	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	\$175 74	Dec. 31	By balance,	190 74
		20 00			



June 7	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	20 00		
		<u>\$215 74</u>		<u>\$215 74</u>
1919 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$190 74		
<i>Goodwill Park.</i>				
1918 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	<u>\$50 41</u>	1918 Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .
1919 Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$50 41		<u>\$50 41</u>



*Securities held by the Treasurer.*

Virginia Wood: \$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s; \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.  
 Monument Mountain Reservation: \$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s; \$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s;  
 \$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

General Purpose Fund: \$2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); \$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford  
 R.R. debenture 4s; \$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); \$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R.  
 income 5s.

Pine Knoll: \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

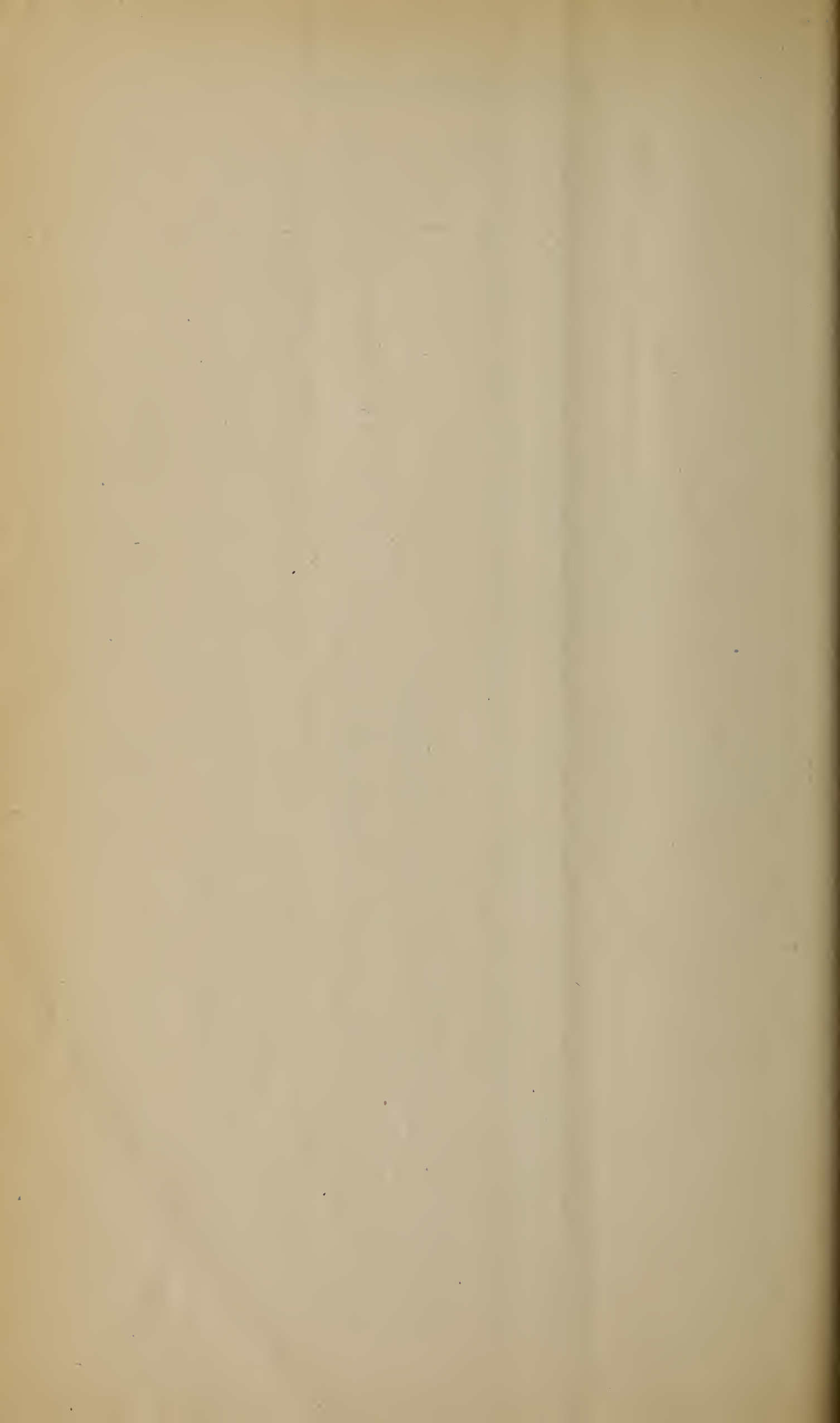
Mount Ann Park: \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

Petticoat Hill: \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

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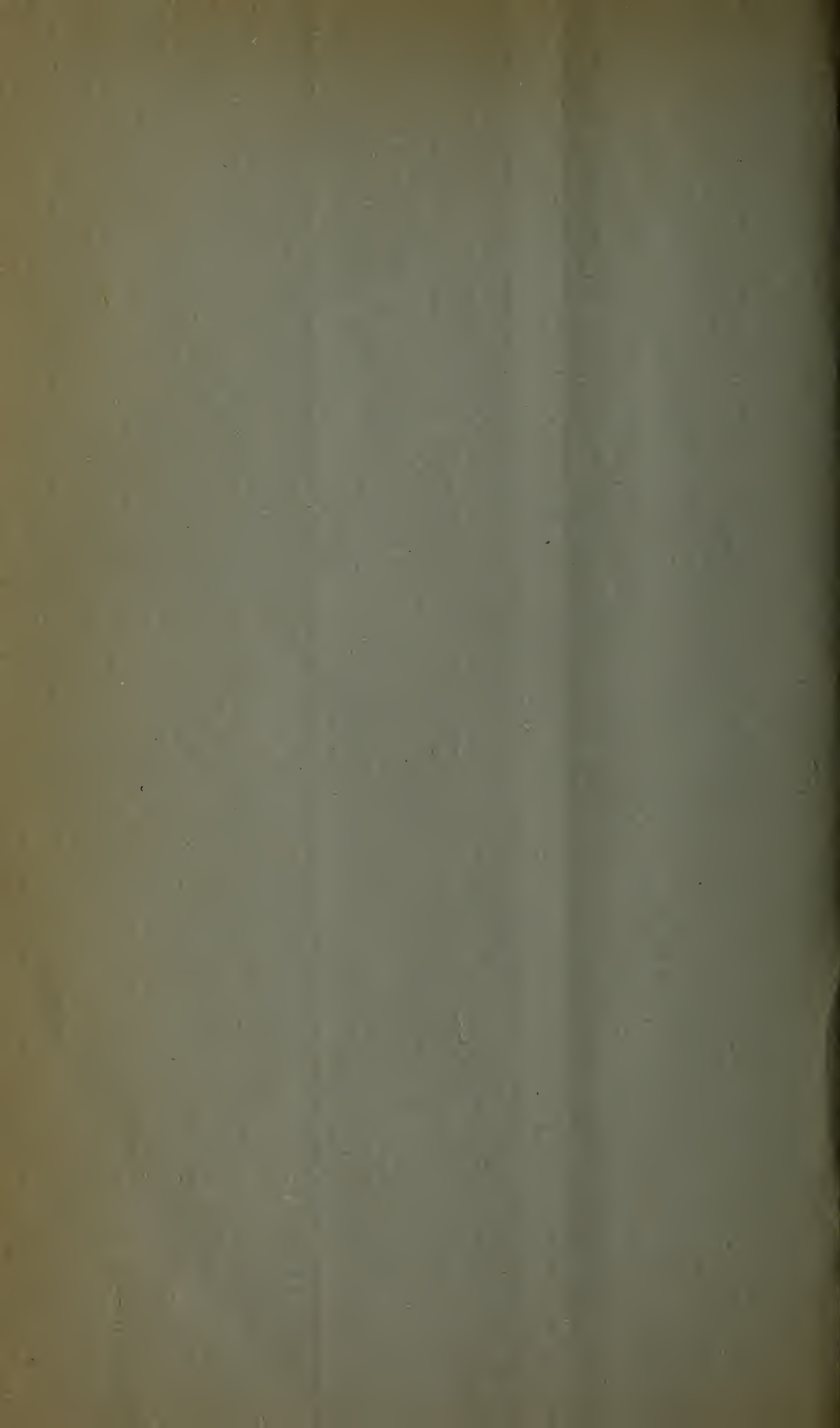
The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1918, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
*Auditing Committee.*









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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.



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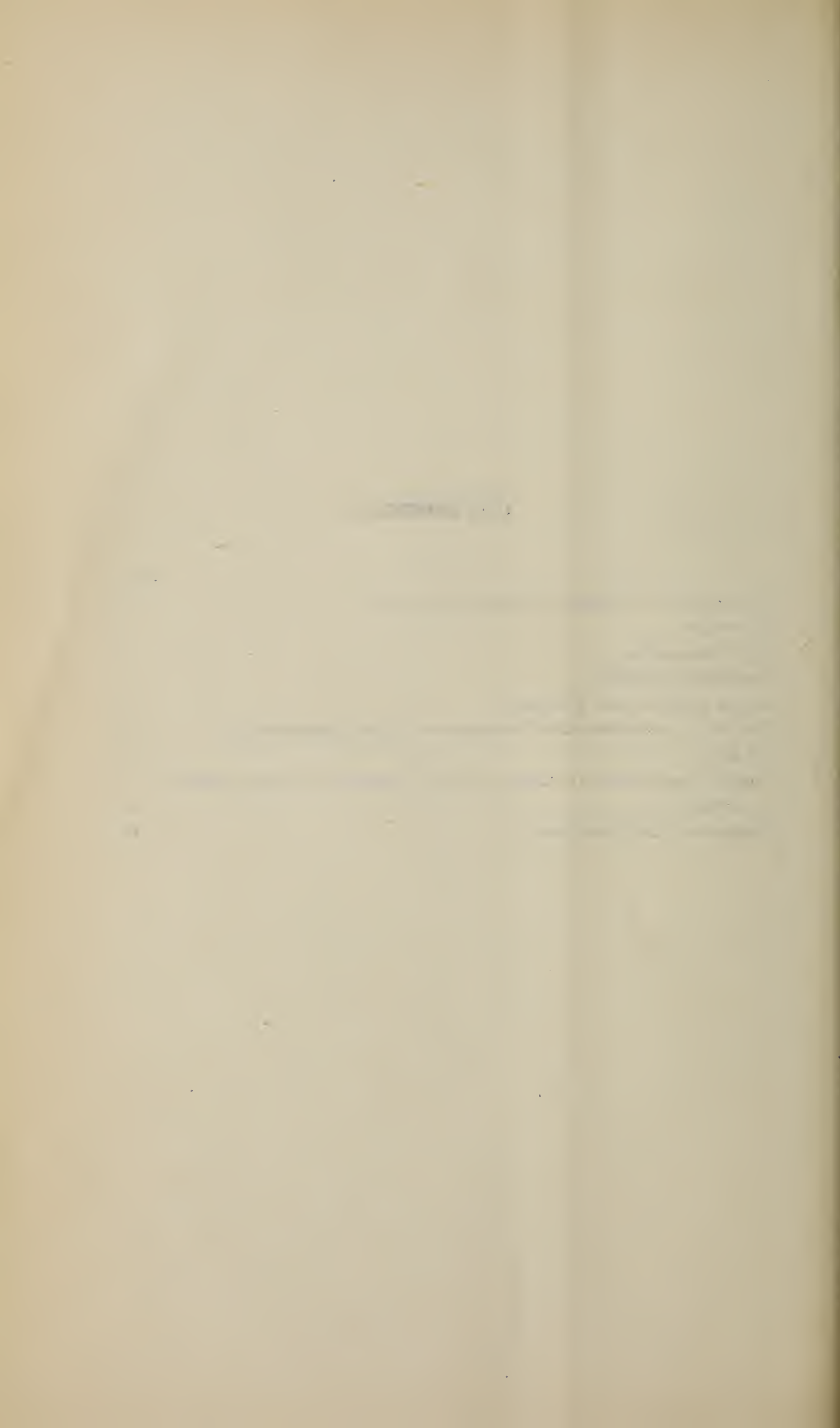
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FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.

CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

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 \*Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.  
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\* Deceased.

### OFFICERS, 1891-1919.

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#### President.

GEORGE F. HOAR, . . . . .	1891-1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT, . . . . .	1905-1919

#### Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, . . . . .	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON, . . . . .	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES, . . . . .	1917-1919

#### Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, . . . . .	1903-1919

#### Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1919
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#### Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW, . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1919

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## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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### CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

#### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by



law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**ARTICLE I.  
OF MEMBERS.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**ARTICLE II.**

**OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES AND CONTRIBUTORS.**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed



changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## A R T I C L E V I.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## A R T I C L E V I I.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.



TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-ninth annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, is cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Some additional thinning has been done during the past year to assist in the development of the young growth of hemlock, and the sprout growth has been removed. The natural reproduction of hemlocks in the more open spaces is progressing finely. Professor Fisher of the Harvard Forestry School, who keeps in touch with the forestry work in the reservation, considers the growth in *Virginia Wood* as the finest example of mixed hemlock of all ages which he has seen. There have been no fires there during the year, and the whole section is in fine condition.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, has been well cared for by the local committee. The town made its usual appropriation of \$300, and out of this \$100 was expended in the planting of red pine seedlings, most of which have lived and are in flourishing condition. It will be well to continue this planting from year to year to replace the oaks, more or less of which succumb to the repeated assaults of the gypsy moth in spite of the annual spraying. The roads in the park have been kept in repair. Considerable dead wood has been removed, and the much-used picnic ground kept mowed and clear of rubbish as often as occasion demanded.

*Mount Ann Park*, in Gloucester, is apparently much appreciated by visitors to that city and the neighboring towns.

The wisdom and desirability of preserving for the public attractive pieces of wild woodland throughout the State is well illustrated here, where the surrounding tracts are being practically denuded of every tree that is of sufficient size to be marketable. Taxes and the high price of fuel force the owners in many cases to this course of action, and as time elapses the recreative value of the reservation will be felt more and more. Our fellow trustee, Mr. Haskell, who as a labor of love has so efficiently cared for the park for many years, points out that it is very desirable that that portion of the watershed now in private hands, lying between the Park and Haskell Pond and Dykes Meadow reservoirs, should come into public ownership in some form.

*Rocky Narrows*, on the Charles River in Sherborn, has been reconnected with the mainland by the rebuilding of the small bridge which had rotted away. The local committee reports that the new bridge was not placed high enough to be above the reach of the high water in the fall months, and that this defect will be remedied as soon as conditions will permit the work to be done. The damage to the tree growth this year from the gypsy moth has been slight, but some work this winter should be done to keep the pest under control. There have been only slight infractions of the rules governing the use of the camping ground frequented by canoeists, in spite of the retired situation of this reservation.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, calls for no special mention this year. It has been cared for by the local committee, who report that this year it will be necessary to remove again the brush growth which has come in at the lower part of the field. The Trustees under the will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham have again contributed \$100 from a fund in their hands for the care and improvement of the Field.

*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, was visited by the Standing Committee in the fall of 1918, and it was then decided to clear certain areas of dead and dying trees and to carry on the planting required to replace the damage which the tree growth of this reservation has suffered



from the chestnut blight and forest fires. This work has been carried out and the improvement is already apparent. Pains were taken to preserve the laurel bushes during the work. Some additional planting has been made possible through the courtesy of Mrs. Joseph H. Choate. The remaining chestnut trees in the reservation are gradually dying from the blight, and will ultimately require to be removed. The State road bordering the park has been completed and travel over it has already increased. In the future this improved highway will add to the number of people who visit the reservation during the summer months.

*The Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, has received considerable attention during the year. A committee of the citizens of the town was formed to consider possible improvements. Among these were the planting of hemlocks and seedling pines; the placing of two marble benches in the park; providing receptacles for rubbish; and erecting an ornamental sign at the entrance. For these purposes the committee raised the sum of \$75, and the Standing Committee agreed to contribute a like sum. The hemlocks will be given by friends, and it is hoped to obtain the pines from the State nurseries. The shortage of labor has postponed the carrying out of the work the past summer, but it is expected that it can be carried out this spring and the reservation made more attractive.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, has had its usual quota of visitors during the summer. The remainder of the chestnut growth which was affected by the blight has now been removed, and the ground will be ready for the planting of pine to replace it in the coming spring. In a part of the cleared portion a growth of young hemlocks has started in, which will be an aid in the reforestation. Some seats of a rustic character will require renewal this spring, and a few vistas which have been carefully chosen, will be opened up. There has been some recurrence of boyish mischievousness in the reservation which it is hoped will be repressed in the future by local sentiment.

The corporation has lost three members during the past year. Moses Williams has been a member of the Trustees.

since 1892. William Brewster, the eminent ornithologist, took a great interest in the welfare of this organization, and at its meetings often offered helpful suggestions. Arthur F. Estabrook, a business man of large activities, was equally prominent in the community for his public spirit and his readiness to help with his ability and resources any good undertaking. He had been for many years a member of the Trustees and had visited several of the reservations. The first bridge and paths at Rocky Narrows, making the reservation more attractive and accessible, were built at his expense. He has provided in his will a very substantial legacy to the corporation, which will ultimately be added to the general fund, the need for which your committee has so frequently set forth in its reports.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
EDWARD W. FORBES,  
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,

*Standing Committee.*

JAN. 28, 1920.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

DR.

*General Purpose Fund.*

CR.

1919. Jan. 1 17 17 23 23 Mar. 26 Apr. 15 July 1 1 1		1919. July 19 Oct. 1 Dec. 31		
	To balance, . . . . .	\$927 88	Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company, for printing twenty-eighth annual report, . . . . .	\$103 61
	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), . . . . .	35 00	Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company, for envelopes, . . . . .	4 33
	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s, . . . . .	100 00	By balance, . . . . .	1,278 81
	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s, . . . . .	25 00		
	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	25 92		
	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s, . . . . .	12 50		
	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	26 58		
	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), . . . . .	35 00		
	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s, . . . . .	100 00		
	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s, . . . . .	25 00		



DR. Cr.  
*General Purpose Fund — Concluded.*

1919.				
July 29	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s, . . . . .	\$12 50		
29	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	29 75		
Oct.	To interest on deposits, . . . . .	31 62		
		<u>\$1,386 75</u>		<u>\$1,386 75</u>
1920.				
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,278 81		

*Governor Hutchinson's Field.*

1919.				
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$668 95	1919. July 26	Paid for spraying trees, . . . . .
3	To subscription from Trustees under will of Mary A. Cunningham for care of field, . . . . .	100 00	Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .
		<u>\$768 95</u>		<u>\$12 00</u>
1920.				<u>756 95</u>
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$756 95		<u>\$768 95</u>



PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

Dr.	Mount Ann Park.		Cr.
1919. Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	1919. Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .
17	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	\$555 09	
July 1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	20 00	
		20 00	
		<u>\$595 09</u>	
1920. Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$595 09	
			\$595 09
Pine Knoll.			
1919. Jan. 7	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, . . . . .	1919. Jan. 1	By balance, . . . . .
July 1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, . . . . .	May 26	Paid W. D. French for improvements, . . . . .
Dec. 31	To balance, . . . . .	Oct. 1	Paid W. D. French for care, . . . . .
		\$17 50	
		17 50	
		192 73	
		<u>\$227 73</u>	
			1920. Jan. 1
			By balance, . . . . .
			\$134 73
			75 00
			18 00
			<u>\$227 73</u>
			\$192 73

Dr.		Petticoat Hill.		Cr.	
1919.			1919.		
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$190 74	Feb. 1	Paid George A. Thresher for care and ex- pense, . . . . .	\$27 75
17	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	20 00	1	Paid Graves Brothers for stile, . . . . .	4 50
May 1	To sale of lumber, . . . . .	200 00	Sept. 10	Paid George A. Thresher for labor, . . . . .	42 00
July 1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	20 00	22	Paid R. M. Gibbs for inspecting property, By balance, . . . . .	10 00
Aug. 7	To sale of logs, . . . . .	40 22	Dec. 31		636 09
Sept. 4	To sale of lumber, . . . . .	249 38			
		<u>\$720 34</u>			<u>\$720 34</u>
1920.					
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$636 09			
Goodwill Park.					
1919.			1919.		
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$50 41	Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	\$50 41
1920.					
Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$50 41			

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*

			1919. Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	
1919.	Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03		\$49 03
1920.	Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$49 03		

*Virginia Wood.*

			1919. Dec. 31	By balance, . . . . .	
1919.	Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,620 03		\$1,735 03
17	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,		17 50		
Mar. 26	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,		40 00		
July 1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,		17 50		
29	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,		40 00		
			\$1,735 03		\$1,735 03
1920.	Jan. 1	To balance, . . . . .	\$1,735 03		



Dr.	Trial Balance.				Cr.
Cash, . . . . .					\$1,278 81
Pine Knoll, . . . . .					756 95
					595 09
					1,761 43
					49 03
					1,735 03
					636 09
					50 41
					\$6,862 84

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: \$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s; \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.  
Monument Mountain Reservation: \$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s; \$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s; \$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).  
General Purpose Fund: \$2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); \$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s; \$1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); \$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. income 5s.  
Pine Knoll: \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.  
Mount Ann Park: \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.  
Petticoat Hill: \$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1919, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
Auditing Committee.















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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is John S. Ames, Ames Building, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.



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PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, . . . . .	1903-1920

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1920
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Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW, . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1920

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**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

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## CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by



law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**A R T I C L E I.**

**O F M E M B E R S.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E II.**

**O F F O U N D E R S , L I F E A S S O C I A T E S A N D C O N T R I B U T O R S.**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed



changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.



THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirtieth annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, is in excellent condition. The systematic forestry work which has been carried on by the Metropolitan Park Commission in this section of the Middlesex Fells has been noticeably successful in Virginia Wood, and it is to be hoped that the same policy will be continued by the Metropolitan District Commission which has succeeded to the powers and duties of the Park Commission. The superintendent of the Middlesex Fells Division reports that there have been no fires in Virginia Wood during the past year, and no injury caused by gypsy moths or other insects.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, has been cared for by Mr. W. E. Lawrence of that town, who has acted as our local committee. The town, as usual, made an appropriation of \$300 against which all charges have been made. The roads have been put in order and maintained in good condition; some dead wood has been cut out and a number of trees that had blown down have been removed. The picnic ground has been mowed several times and kept in good order. The trees were sprayed in the spring as far as they could be reached from the roadways, and this fall the nests of the gypsy moths have been painted with creosote. The red pines which were planted a year ago have prospered, and additional planting is recommended for the coming year.

*Mount Ann Park*, in Gloucester, suffered from the forest fires which were extensive in that vicinity during a dry spell last summer. To stop the spreading of fires which were burning outside the park the fire warden deemed it necessary

to set some back fires in the park north of the main path, and to use the road as a fire stop. The result was that this part of the park was pretty well burnt over, and considerable trimming and clearing up will be necessary. The remaining portion of the park is in good condition, and calls for no special mention.

*Rocky Narrows*, in Sherborn, has been used in the summer months by a considerable number of campers. The committee finds that the visitors incline to use the hill for camping, which is forbidden them, rather than the more accessible camping ground which has been specially provided for this purpose. Nevertheless, there have been no serious infractions of the rules, and the campers have left the grounds in unusually good condition. The replacing of the bridge at a higher level could not, on account of local conditions, be accomplished last summer, but will be done this coming year. The damage to this reservation from the gypsy moth appears to have been less than in previous years.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, has received general care. In addition to this some forestry work was required. A fringe of mixed growth was removed which was encroaching on the open field, and without being a desirable addition, was increasing the danger of fire among the larger trees lower down near the river bank. In carrying out this work a number of seedling trees were left standing in the hope that they may replace the older trees as they become exhausted and can be no longer retained. The Trustees under the will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham contributed \$100 toward the care of the field.

*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, was visited again this year by members of the committee, and the condition of the reservation and its future requirements carefully considered. In previous reports full accounts have been given of the grievous damage that has been done by fires spreading to the reservation from adjacent woodlands, which at times have done considerable damage. Then came the chestnut blight against which no remedy has been found. This disease has already killed most of the chestnut trees, and those still remaining are doomed. For several years your



committee, with the advice of forestry experts, have been removing the chestnut growth and planting pine seedlings in order that the mountain may be reforested. It has seemed to them for some time that it was very desirable that this work, which requires constant supervision and must extend over a series of years, should be in the hands of a local committee or body, if such a condition could be brought about. An arrangement has recently been arrived at which, in the opinion of your Committee, is most fortunate for the Trustees in carrying out their obligations, and for the public for whom the reservation was created, as it gives assurance that the care and improvement of the reservation will be efficiently administered. After careful consideration the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge has consented to act as agent of the Trustees in the care and maintenance of the reservation. The Laurel Hill Association is the best known and most successful organization of its kind in New England, and perhaps in this country. It has been the inspiration of the village improvement associations throughout the land, and its work in Stockbridge is known and admired by every visitor to that beautiful town. An agreement has been executed between the Trustees and the association, covering the details of the arrangement between them, which is already in force. Your Committee feel that the Trustees and the public are to be congratulated upon the willingness of the Laurel Hill Association to accept this responsibility. They desire to add that before entering upon this arrangement full approval was obtained from Miss Butler, to whom the Trustees and the public are indebted for the gift of the reservation and the fund for its maintenance. Although there are no longer any buildings on this reservation, a little income is derived from it as rent for arable land, and occasionally something is received from the sale of wood.

*The Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, was also visited by members of the Committee and found to be in good condition. A better definition of the boundary of the reservation on the side towards the town, either by planting or a wall, has been suggested, but no funds are available therefor at the present time. A few of the older pines have died and will be

removed. The few trees that were planted last year appear to be in good condition. An ornamental sign has been prepared to hang at the entrance, and two suitable stone seats or benches have been set up.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, was visited by a member of the Committee in company with a forestry advisor and Mrs. Nash, who established this reservation. In general, conditions were found to be satisfactory. Some dead trees should be removed from the vicinity of the path to the summit, and the vistas halfway to and at the summit should be opened more widely. On the back side of the hill the chestnut is being removed, and funds derived from its sale are available for replanting. As some of the wood will have to be carried out over land which is to be replanted, it was thought best to postpone planting until the coming spring, which will give an opportunity to locate and rough out a road during the winter, and to get out the wood which has already been cut. The increase in the fares on the electric car line between Northampton and Williamsburg largely diminished the number of visitors to Petticoat Hill last summer. The reservation, however, is used by the people of the town, and is growing more attractive each year.

The Corporation has lost one member during the year by the death of Winthrop Murray Crane, former Governor of Massachusetts and United States Senator, widely known for his public spirit and private beneficences. Though not active in the affairs of the Trustees, its purposes had his approval and the guaranty of his name.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
EDWARD W. FORBES,  
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,

*Standing Committee.*

JAN. 26, 1921.



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

## SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

*For Virginia Wood.*

\$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

\$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. 4s.

\$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

*For General Purpose Fund.*

\$2,000 Baltimore &amp; Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division).

\$5,000 New York, New Haven &amp; Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

\$500 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. income 5s.

*For Pine Knoll.*

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Mount Ann Park.*

\$1,000 American Telephone &amp; Telegraph Company 4s.

*For Petticoat Hill.*

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance Jan. 1, 1920, . . . . .	\$1,278 81
Coupons on above securities held for this fund, . . . . .	345 00
Interest on deposits, . . . . .	139 87
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	\$1,763 68
Paid John Woodbury for postage, etc., . . . . .	\$17 59
Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company, . . . . .	8 00
Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company, annual report, . . . . .	153 83
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	179 42
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Jan. 1, 1921, to balance, . . . . .	\$1,584 26



## GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

To balance Jan. 21, 1920, . . . . .	\$756 95
To subscription from Trustees under the will of Mary A. Cunningham for care of field, . . . . .	100 00
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	\$856 95
Paid for spraying trees, . . . . .	\$13 00
Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, . . . . .	139 20
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	152 20
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Jan. 1, 1921, to balance, . . . . .	\$704 75

## MOUNT ANN PARK.

Balance Jan. 1, 1920, . . . . .	\$595 09
Coupons on 1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	40 00
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Jan. 1, 1921, to balance, . . . . .	\$635 09

## PINE KNOLL.

Jan. 1, 1920, by balance, . . . . .	\$192 73
To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, . . . . .	35 00
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Jan. 1, 1921, by balance, . . . . .	\$157 73

## PETTICOAT HILL.

Jan. 1, 1920, to balance, . . . . .	\$636 09
To coupons of American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, . . . . .	40 00
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	\$676 09
Paid George A. Thresher for care and expenses, . . . . .	\$100 44
Paid R. M. Gibbs for inspecting property, . . . . .	10 00
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	110 44
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Jan. 1, 1921, to balance, . . . . .	\$565 65

## GOODWILL PARK.

Jan. 1, 1920, to balance, . . . . .	\$50 41
Jan. 1, 1921, to balance, . . . . .	\$50 41

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Jan. 1, 1920, to balance, . . . . .	\$1,761 43
To coupons on bonds held for this account, . . . . .	380 00
To rent of Hickey Farm, . . . . .	20 00
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	\$2,161 43
Paid Wm. M. Healy for care, etc., . . . . .	\$60 00
Paid Aspinwall & Lincoln, . . . . .	27 34
Paid Wm. M. Healy, services as custodian, . . . . .	60 00
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	147 34
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To balance Jan. 1, 1921, . . . . .	\$2,014 09

## ROCKY NARROWS.

Jan. 1, 1920, to balance, . . . . .	\$49 03
Jan. 1, 1921, to balance, . . . . .	\$49 03

## VIRGINIA WOOD.

Jan. 1, 1920, to balance, . . . . .	\$1,735 03
To coupons on above bonds held for this account, . . . . .	115 00
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To balance Jan. 1, 1921, . . . . .	\$1,850 03

## TRIAL BALANCE.

DR.	CR.
Dec. 31, 1920, cash, . \$7,295 58	General Purpose Fund, \$1,584 26
Pine Knoll, . . . . . 157 73	Governor Hutchinson's
	Field, . . . . . 704 75
	Mount Ann Park, . . . . . 635 09
	Petticoat Hill, . . . . . 565 65
	Good Will Park, . . . . . 50 41
	Monument Mountain
	Reservation, . . . . . 2,014 09
	Rocky Narrows, . . . . . 49 03
	Virginia Wood, . . . . . 1,850 03
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\$7,453 31	\$7,453 31

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1920, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
Auditing Committee.















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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of\_\_\_\_\_

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is John S. Ames, Ames Building, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

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## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

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CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Vice-President*, Milton.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE.

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HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

HERBERT PARKER, Lancaster.

JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*, Ames Building, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

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AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Jr., Canton.

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GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.

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CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

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### FOUNDERS.

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Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.  
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 \*Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.  
 \*HENRY H. FAY, Falmouth.  
 \*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.  
 Miss SARAH B. FAY, Falmouth.  
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 \*LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.  
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 Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.  
 J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.  
 W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.  
 RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.  
 H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.  
 Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.

Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.  
 Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.  
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 WILLIAM J. LADD, Milton.  
 H. A. LAMB, Milton.  
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 Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.  
 CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.  
 JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.  
 CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.  
 NATHANIEL H. STONE, Milton.  
 JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.  
 ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

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\* Deceased.



### OFFICERS, 1891-1921.

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#### President.

GEORGE F. HOAR, . . . . .	1891-1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT, . . . . .	1905-1921

#### Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, . . . . .	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON, . . . . .	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES, . . . . .	1917-1920
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1921

#### Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, . . . . .	1903-1921

#### Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1920
JOHN S. AMES, . . . . .	1921

#### Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW, . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1921

### LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1921.

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	ACRES.
Virginia Wood, . . . . .	20
Goodwill Park, . . . . .	139
Rocky Narrows, . . . . .	21
Mount Ann Park, . . . . .	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field, . . . . .	10
Monument Mountain Reservation, . . . . .	260
The Pine Knoll, . . . . .	6
Petticoat Hill, . . . . .	50

**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

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## CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by

law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**A R T I C L E I.  
O F M E M B E R S.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E II.**

**O F F O U N D E R S , L I F E A S S O C I A T E S A N D C O N T R I B U T O R S .**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.



## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.



## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-first annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, has been cared for by the Metropolitan District Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation of the metropolitan park system. The superintendent reports that Virginia Wood suffered considerably from the effects of the ice storm last November, but fortunately not to so great an extent as some of the other sections of the reservation. The hemlock and pine growth was almost uninjured, and the damage done to the hardwood growth is, in most cases, not beyond repair. Some pruning has already been done in this section and very few trees have had to be removed. The forest growth of the Wood is in excellent condition, aside from the damage done by the storm, and an unusually fine growth of white flowering dogwood is coming in wherever the shade is not too dense.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, has been cared for by Mr. W. E. Lawrence, who has again given his services as the local committee. He reports that the town last year reduced its annual appropriation from \$300 to \$200. All of this was required for keeping the roads in repair, mowing the open areas and removing some of the dead wood. Some spraying and creosoting of the trees has been done to reduce the damage threatened by the gypsy moth. The red pines which were planted the year before have made good growth. It is to be hoped the town will return the appropriation this year to its former figure, in order that the plan of gradual planting can be continued.

*Mount Ann Park*, in Gloucester, has again suffered from

a forest fire which burnt over about 15 acres on the northerly side of the mountain. A considerable amount of hemlock and pine was killed and will have to be removed. The local committee advises that the Forestry Division of the State Department of Conservation be asked to co-operate with the trustees in the establishment of a fire station on the summit of Mount Ann, which would serve not only for the protection of the reservation, but also of the surrounding woodlands in which the fires have generally originated. This will be a matter for the consideration of the Standing Committee of the coming year.

*Rocky Narrows*, on the Charles River in Sherborn, with its increased use by canoeists and campers, presents a problem of policing. It is remote from the town, is little used by the townspeople, and is not easily accessible except from the river. Camping on private land in that section of the river has been practically prohibited, and the privilege offered by the reservation has become of great value to those who enjoy the opportunities for canoeing which the river affords. The rules require that camping shall be confined to a designated area which excludes the hemlock-crowned ledges at the picturesque Narrows which have been called the "Gates of the Charles." There are also a few simple rules as to the conduct of the campers, necessary for the protection of the reservation and the general comfort of those using it. Most of the public appear to conform to these regulations, but attention has been called to infractions of the rules during the past year which indicate that some regular inspection should, if possible, be provided. The local committee is making an effort to secure the assistance of the State Fish and Game Division in this matter, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made so that it will not be necessary to withdraw the privilege of the camp ground. Mr. Henry M. Channing, who acts as the local committee, has given generously of his time, and has personally met the expense of clearing up the reservation and rebuilding the bridge connecting with the adjoining lands in Sherborn. The thanks of the trustees are due to Mr. Channing for this substantial contribution to its funds.



*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, has been in charge of Mr. N. T. Kidder as a local committee. He reports that the Field was mowed over as usual. The grass was given for the work, and the results were better than in some years when we have sold it. The forestry of last year, if the term is not pretentious, obviated the necessity of more than clearing with a brush scythe among the trees this year. This treatment should be given every year to avoid thick undergrowth with its fire risk. The elms at Adams Street were sprayed and suffered very little from insects; the lower part of the Field where once gypsy moths threatened is comparatively free from these insects. The trustees under the will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham have again contributed \$100 toward the care of the Field.

*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, was placed last year in the care of the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge under an agreement, which was referred to in the last report of the trustees, and is printed as an appendix to this report. One of the terms of the transfer was that the association should report to the trustees in writing once a year what had been done in the reservation. The following report for the year 1921 has been received and is of much interest: —

JAN. 7, 1922.

REPORT OF THE MONUMENT MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE OF THE LAUREL  
HILL ASSOCIATION OF STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

*To the Trustees of Public Reservations.*

The Committee found the inscription on the memorial rock somewhat obliterated by erosion and lichens, and have had the lettering recut in accordance with the agreement that it should be kept perfectly legible. Paths have been cleaned up and new signs for the guidance of the public placed at certain points on the reservation; also notices forbidding fires.

Some fine plantings of white and red pine were found to be badly choked by a growth of alder and other bushes and saplings. This has been cleared up and the slash burned. These plantings are now doing finely, though the white pine weevil is found in many of the tips of one lot.

The contract with E. B. Drum for the removal of dead chestnut on the east side of the reservation has been carried out and the cutting finished, and he is now at work on the west side of the cliffs. As Mr.

Drum lives near the mountain he has been made superintendent of the reservation, to report what work is necessary and watch for fires, etc. No planting has been done this year. It was thought better that the funds used should be applied to the care of planting already done, and to cleaning up of slash and accumulated débris. The contract with Andrew Tracy for removing dead chestnut has not yet been completed. Could we perhaps have a copy of your agreement with him? Automobile parties lunching and picnicking on the reservation near the highway have caused us much annoyance by leaving large quantities of unsightly rubbish.

There are some advertising signs within 300 feet of the reservation on private property, but, not being sure of our rights under the State laws, we have not as yet taken measures for their removal. Perhaps the Commission can give us some light on this subject.

I inclose the treasurer's report. We will be glad to carry out any instructions the Commission may wish to give us.

Very respectfully,

EDWARD B. OWEN,

*Chairman of the Monument Mountain Committee of the  
Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge.*

*Treasurer's Report.*

**1921.**

May 18.	Received from John S. Ames, treasurer, trustee of Public Reservations . . . . .	\$2,284 09
Sept. 12.	Received from John S. Ames, treasurer . . . . .	190 00
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		\$2,474 09

**1921.**

July 18.	Paid George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	\$101 00
July 18.	Paid Stockbridge Painting Company, painting sign . . . . .	7 00
July 21.	Paid Stockbridge Monumental Works, relettering rock . . . . .	64 50
July 25.	Paid George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	124 50
Aug. 1.	Paid George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	43 00
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		340 00
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Balance	. . . . .	\$2,134 09

R. E. HEATH,  
*Treasurer.*

JAN. 2, 1922.



*The Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, is in charge of Mr. W. D. French, as local custodian. He reports that a woven wire fence with cedar posts has been built along the southwest boundary, and that similar fencing should be continued this coming year along the northerly and easterly boundaries. The grove has required the usual clearing up from time to time and the open space has been mowed. A few more seats could be used to advantage, and the grassland should be fertilized.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, suffered somewhat from the ice storm of November. The hemlock and pine escaped with slight damage, but the birch growth was badly broken down. The custodian, Mr. G. A. Thresher, made an arrangement with some men who were out of work to remove the broken limbs and tops and some of the smaller growth, giving them the wood for their labor. Such trees as are not likely to recover and are merchantable will be cut down and sold later. There also remains some of the chestnut to be sold. The proceeds from the sale of wood is available for replanting. The pines that were set out last spring have done well. The paths have been kept in repair, and the vistas which were being closed by the tree growth have been opened up so far as was possible by cutting in the reservation. There has been a considerable use of the park by the public, especially in the first week of September during the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg. The exercises and a pageant, which was attended by about 7,000 people, were held on land adjoining the Hill, and large numbers sought out the pleasant spots in the park for the lunch hour, and gathered about the refreshing spring which is one of the attractions of the reservation.

At the last annual meeting it was suggested that the number of members of the corporation should be increased over the limit of fifty prescribed by the By-laws. Your Committee have therefore prepared an amendment to the By-laws to be voted upon at this meeting of which due notice has been given, increasing to one hundred the number of persons eligible for membership in the corporation.

The corporation has lost one of its oldest members in point of service during the year by the death of George C. Mann. Bearing a name distinguished for public spirit and faithful service, Mr. Mann, though avoiding public notice, always gave his encouragement to good works. He was particularly interested in this association as the creation of his friend, Charles Eliot, and was a constant attendant at its meetings and a helpful councillor.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
HERBERT PARKER,  
JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,

*Standing Committee.*

JAN. 25, 1922.

APPENDIX.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE,  
BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS OF  
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION OF  
STOCKBRIDGE, MASS., FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE CARE  
AND MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESER-  
VATION IN THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON.

In accordance with the votes of the trustees and the association, copies of which are hereto annexed, the trustees hereby transfer the care and maintenance of Monument Mountain Reservation, in Great Barrington, Mass., to the Laurel Hill Association, and the association accepts the duty of said care and maintenance, to be effective as of Jan. 1, 1921, and to continue until either of said parties shall have terminated this arrangement by notice in writing of at least twelve months to the other of its desire so to do.

The treasurer of the trustees shall pay over quarterly, or oftener if desired by the association, to the treasurer of the association, the income from the fund held by the trustees for the benefit of the reservation, said income to be used by the association for the care, maintenance and improvement of the reservation. The accumulated income from said fund now in the hands of the trustees shall, after the payment of any outstanding obligations, be paid over to the treasurer of the association for the same purposes.

The association is at liberty to receive other subscriptions and gifts of money to be expended for the improvement of the reservation in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

The association will report in writing to the trustees from time to time, and at least once in each year, the condition of the reservation and the work that has been carried on therein, and submit annually a full report of all receipts and expenditures connected with or on account of said reservation.

No building or other structures shall be erected in the reservation without first obtaining the approval of the trustees as to their character and location.

The boulder near the summit of the mountain and the in-



scription thereon shall be cared for and the inscription kept in legible condition.

The association is hereby constituted the agent of the trustees for the purposes above mentioned, and with all and every power which the trustees can delegate and confer upon it in the premises.

THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

By CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
JOHN WOODBURY,

*Committee.*

THE LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION.

By EDWARD B. OWEN,  
GEORGE GRENVILLE MERRILL,  
WILLIAM H. CLARK,

*Committee.*

JAN. 26, 1921.

VOTES PASSED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

*Voted,* That the care and maintenance of the Monument Mountain Reservation be transferred to the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge, Mass., and that the association be constituted the agent of the trustees for the purposes thereof, and that the treasurer of the trustees is hereby authorized, until the revocation of this vote, to pay over from time to time the income from the funds held by the trustees for the benefit of said reservation to the treasurer of said association, to be expended by it for said care and maintenance, it being understood that said association will report to the trustees annually the details of said expenditures.

*Voted,* That Professor Sargent, Mr. Rackemann and the secretary are hereby constituted a committee authorized to arrange the details of said transfer.

I hereby certify the above is a true copy of votes passed by the Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations at a meeting held in Boston on Oct. 24, 1920, a quorum being present.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*  
*The Trustees of Public Reservations.*



## RESOLUTION.

At a special meeting of the Laurel Hill Association legally called in accordance with the Constitution thereof, held at Stockbridge, Mass., Oct. 30, 1920, a quorum being present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: —

*Resolved*, That the president be authorized to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Trustees of Public Reservations, with the power to make an agreement on behalf of the Laurel Hill Association with said trustees, in accordance with the proposal of the said trustees, for the care of the Monument Mountain Reservation, the gift of Miss Helen C. Butler, in memory of her sister Rosalie Butler, accompanied by an endowment fund of \$8,000 for its improvement and maintenance, from and after Jan. 1, 1921.

The president accordingly named Edward B. Owen as chairman, William H. Clark and Rev. G. G. Merrill as such committee, the president being ex officio a member thereof. It was further

*Resolved*, That the president be authorized to appoint a committee of three or more to take charge of the Monument Mountain Reservation on behalf of the Laurel Hill Association from and after Jan. 1, 1921, in accordance with the agreement entered into with the Trustees of Public Reservations, with full power to receive and disburse moneys proceeding from the endowment fund for its improvement and maintenance, and to make all necessary arrangements for the development and maintenance of said reservation, said committee to present to the Laurel Hill Association before the close of its usual season a report prepared for the further purpose of submission to the said Trustees of Public Reservations. The secretary was instructed to communicate to Miss Helen C. Butler the appreciation of the Laurel Hill Association for her assent to the proposed arrangement, as well as for the generous gift which she had made for the public benefit.

The president was also authorized to confer with organizations or individuals in the town of Great Barrington with the purpose of obtaining co-operation from the residents of that town in connection with the development of portions of Monument Mountain for the public benefit of citizens of Stockbridge and Great Barrington and of visitors to the locality.

Attest.

AGNES W. CANNING,

*Secretary.*

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1921.

## SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

*For Virginia Wood.*

\$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

\$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. 4s.

\$5,000 Seattle–Everett Electric Company 5s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

*For General Purpose Fund.*

\$2,000 Baltimore &amp; Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division).

\$5,000 New York, New Haven &amp; Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

\$500 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. income 5s.

*For Pine Knoll.*

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Mount Ann Park.*

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

*For Petticoat Hill.*

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$1,584 26
To coupons on above securities held for this fund . . . . .	345 00
To interest on deposits . . . . .	140 33
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	\$2,069 59
Paid for postage on tax statements . . . . .	\$1 08
Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company for annual report . . . . .	128 10
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	129 18
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To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$1,940 41

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

## GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$704 75
To subscription from trustees under the will of Mary A. Cunningham for care of field . . . . .	100 00
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	\$804 75
Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, for cutting brush . . . . .	83 50
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To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$721 25

## MOUNT ANN PARK.

Balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$635 09
Coupons on 1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s . . . . .	40 00
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To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$675 09

## PINE KNOLL.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$157 73
To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s . . . . .	35 00
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	\$122 73
Paid W. D. French, miscellaneous labor charges for work during 1919 and 1920 . . . . .	86 54
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By balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$209 27

## PETTICOAT HILL.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$565 65
Sale of chestnut wood . . . . .	162 54
To coupons of American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s . . . . .	40 00
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	\$768 19
Paid George A. Thresher for care of Hill, for the year 1920 . . . . .	\$25 00
Paid Franklin Forestry Company . . . . .	60 00
Paid R. M. Gibbs, planting pine trees . . . . .	80 60
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	165 60
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To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$602 59

## GOODWILL PARK.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$50 41
To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$50 41



## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$2,014 09
Sale of chestnut timber . . . . .	100 00
To coupons on bonds held for this account . . . . .	380 00
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	\$2,494 09
Paid R. M. Gibbs for two trips to reservation, examination and report . . . . .	20 00
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	\$2,474 09
Paid Ralph E. Heath, Treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, as per vote of trustees . . . . .	\$2,474 09

## ROCKY NARROWS.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$49 03
To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$49 03

## VIRGINIA WOOD.

To balance Jan. 1, 1921 . . . . .	\$1,850 03
To coupons on bonds held for this account . . . . .	115 00
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To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$1,965 03

## TRIAL BALANCE.

DR.		CR.	
Dec. 31, 1921, cash . . . . .	\$5,794 54	General Purpose Fund	\$1,940 41
Pine Knoll . . . . .	209 27	Governor Hutchinson's Field . . . . .	721 25
		Mount Ann Park . . . . .	675 09
		Petticoat Hill . . . . .	602 59
		Goodwill Park . . . . .	50 41
		Rocky Narrows . . . . .	49 03
		Virginia Wood . . . . .	1,965 03
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	\$6,003 81		\$6,003 81

JOHN S. AMES,

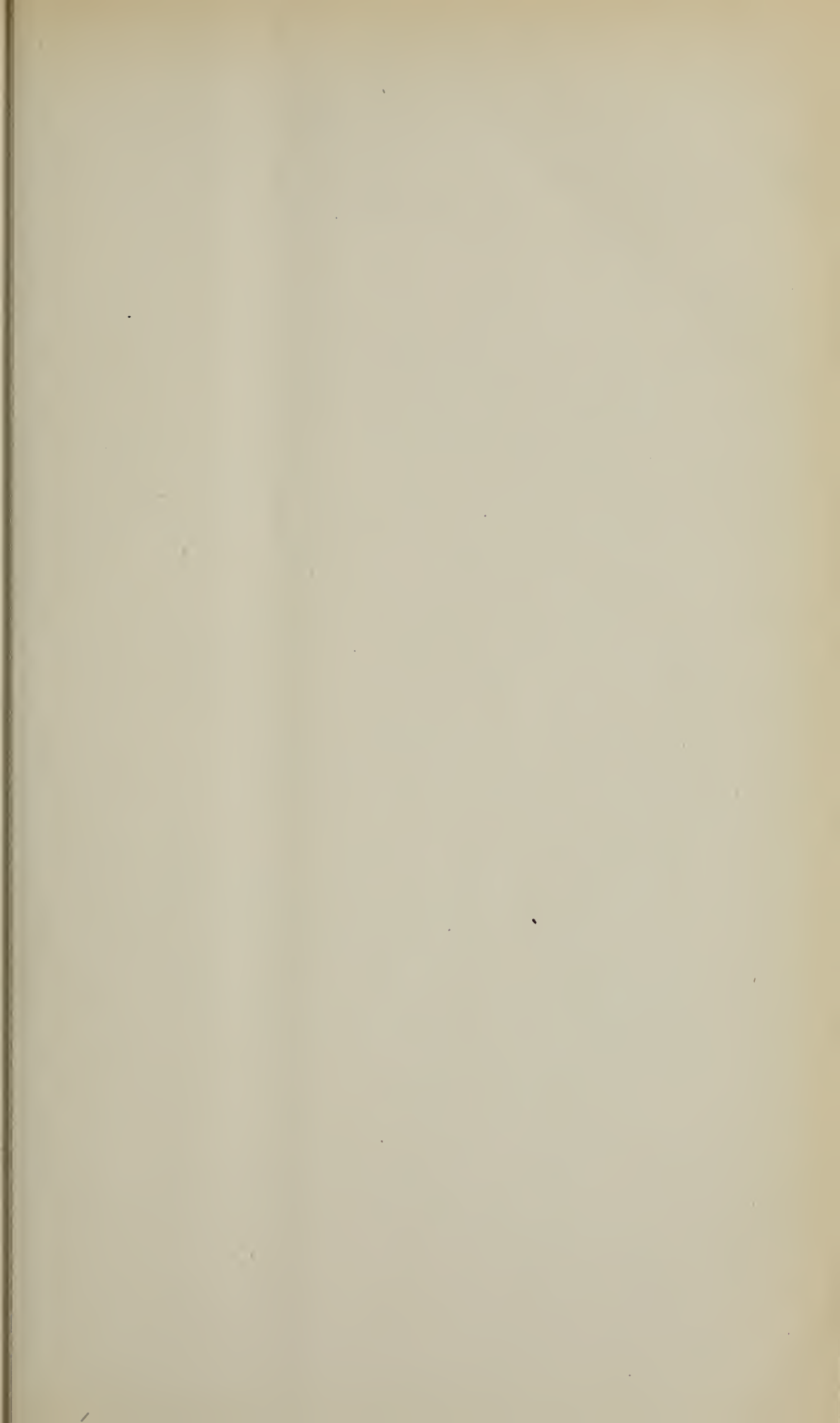
*Treasurer.*

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1921, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,

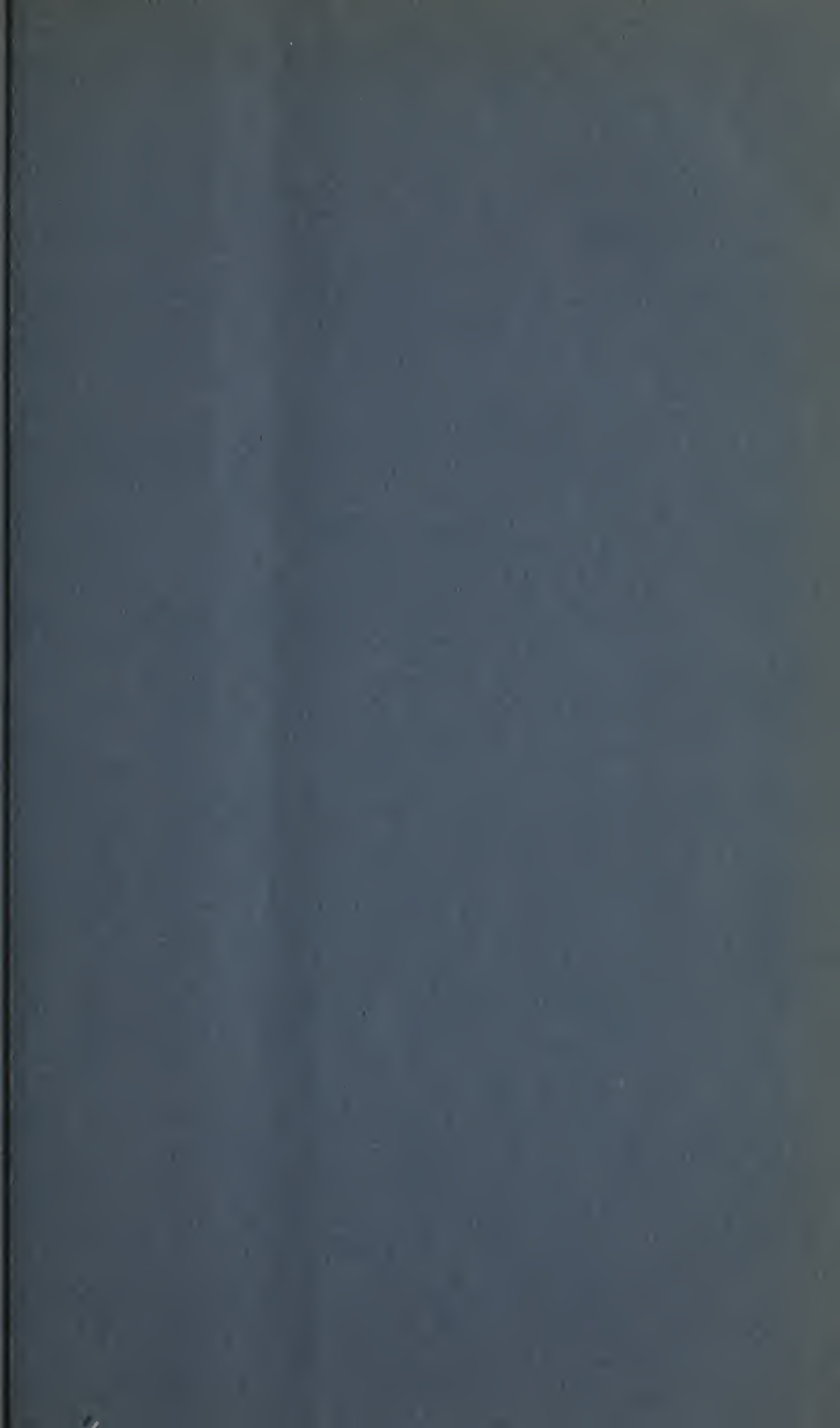
*Committee on Audit.*

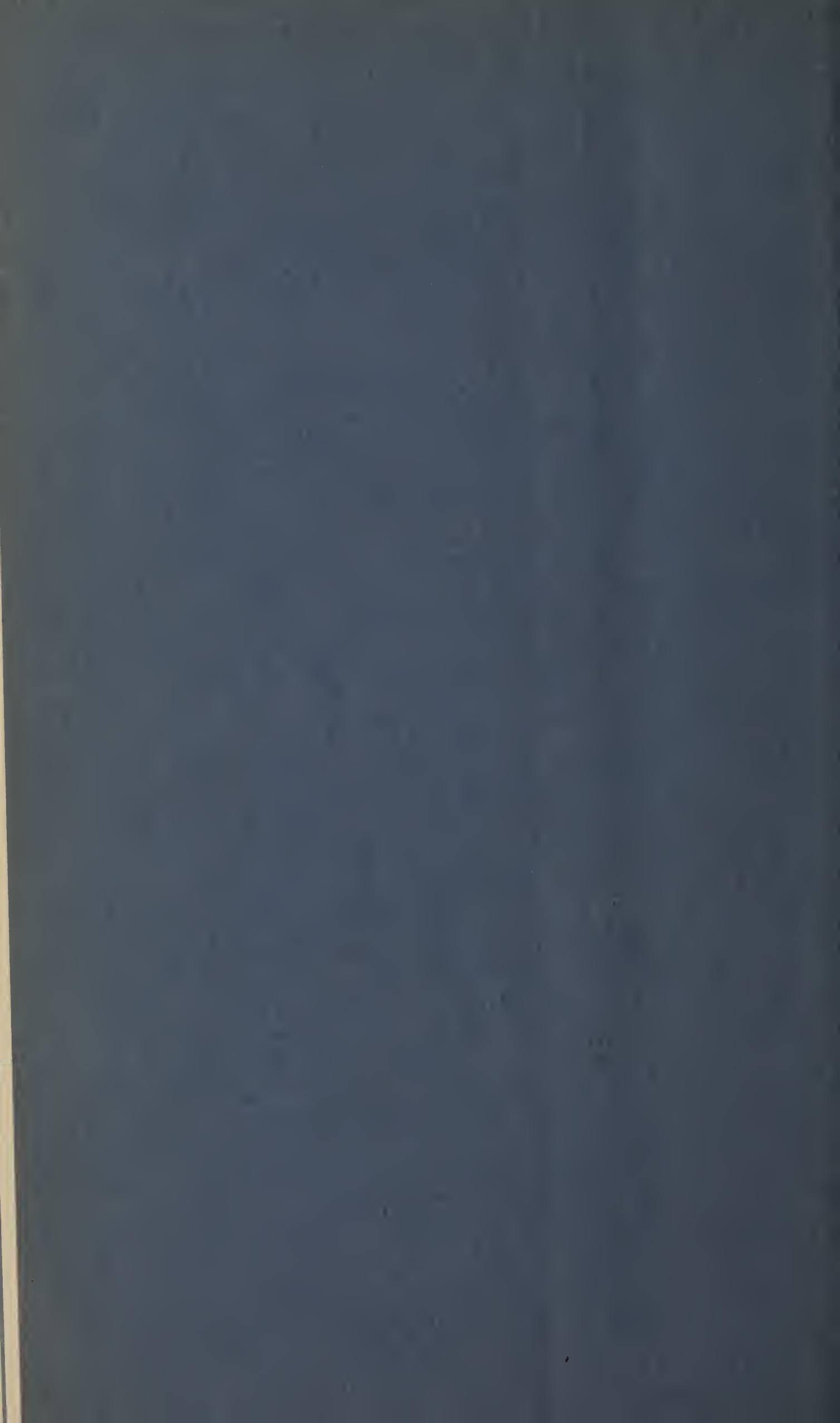












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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_dollars.

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is John S. Ames, Ames Building, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

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*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.	Mrs. K. G. T. WEBSTER, Cambridge.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.	GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

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### LIFE ASSOCIATES.

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Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.	Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.	Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.	NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.	WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.	WILLIAM J. LADD, Milton.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.	H. A. LAMB, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.	JOHN T. MORSE, Jr., Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.	Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.	CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.	JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.	CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.	NATHANIEL H. STONE, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.	JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.	ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

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\* Deceased.

OFFICERS, 1891-1922.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR, . . . . .	1891-1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT, . . . . .	1905-1922

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, . . . . .	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON, . . . . .	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES, . . . . .	1917-1920
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1922

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, . . . . .	1903-1922

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, . . . . .	1891-1920
JOHN S. AMES, . . . . .	1921-1922

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW, . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY, . . . . .	1894-1922

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1922.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood, . . . . .	20
Goodwill Park, . . . . .	139
Rocky Narrows, . . . . .	21
Mount Ann Park, . . . . .	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field, . . . . .	10
Monument Mountain Reservation, . . . . .	260
The Pine Knoll, . . . . .	6
Petticoat Hill, . . . . .	50



**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

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## CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by



law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**A R T I C L E I.**

**O F M E M B E R S.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E II.**

**O F F O U N D E R S , L I F E A S S O C I A T E S A N D C O N T R I B U T O R S .**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed



changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## A R T I C L E V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-second annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, has been cared for as usual by the Metropolitan District Commission through the Parks Division. This holding came first into the possession of the Trustees in 1892, and, as indicated by the bronze tablet attached to a boulder therein, is dedicated to the memory of Virginia Tudor by her mother, Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor. It contains a most interesting tree growth, and is especially noted for a grove of large and very beautiful pines and hemlocks. In 1894 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Metropolitan Park Commission, acquired for a public park a tract of land containing about 2,000 acres, located in Stoneham, Melrose, Malden, Medford and Winchester, and long known as the Middlesex Fells, and *Virginia Wood* was practically included within the boundaries of this State Reservation. Since then *Virginia Wood*, with the assent of the Trustees, has been cared for by the Park Commission and its successor, the Metropolitan District Commission, as if it were an integral part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, and has received the same care and development as was given to the Reservation. The boundary stones of the Wood, however, have been preserved, and the dedicatory tablet already referred to properly maintained. It seems desirable, both to your Committee and to the District Commission, that the existing arrangement, which has proved to be advantageous for the Wood and the Reservation and for the visiting public, should be perpetuated by a legal transfer of the land from



the one body to the other, to be made, of course, under such stipulations as will forever maintain the memorial character of the gift, and ensure its proper care in perpetuity. Such action, however, seems to require legislative authority, and therefore your Committee has introduced a bill in the present session of the General Court, which, if enacted, will authorize such action. Virginia Wood at the present time is in excellent condition. The pine and hemlock growth escaped serious damage from the November ice storm of 1921, and the pruning of the injured hardwood trees has resulted in a considerable recovery. The luxuriant growth of flowering dogwood, with its background of evergreens, continues to be in its season of bloom one of the most beautiful sights of the Fells.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, does not call for special mention this year. The town of Falmouth made its usual annual appropriation of \$300 for its maintenance, which sum has been expended by the local committee in repairs of the roads, mowing of open spaces, trimming of trees and removing dead ones. The red pines set out two years ago are progressing satisfactorily, and further planting is contemplated. Particular attention was given this year to the repair and renewal of the settees in the Park, which had gradually been getting into bad condition.

*Mount Ann Park*, in Gloucester, as was stated in last year's report, suffered much damage from a forest fire in 1921, and required serious attention. Following the advice of a competent forester your Committee decided to have the trees which were killed by the fire removed under a contract, and at the same time to permit the contractor to cut and take away a certain number of trees to be chosen and marked by the forester, the removal of which would, in his opinion, improve the forest conditions in the Park. Your Committee regrets to report that the contractor has not completed his work in accordance with the terms of the contract, and is asking an extension of time on the ground of the weather conditions of last winter and spring. This is a matter which must necessarily be referred to the Standing Committee elected at this meeting. The local com-



mittee suggests the possibility of obtaining a more direct and convenient approach to Mount Ann from the highway. This also is a matter for the consideration of the new Committee.

*Rocky Narrows*, on the Charles River, in Sherborn, should, in the opinion of the local committee, be reported on by a competent forester, and a certain amount of clearing up of the wooded portion be carried out as soon as funds therefor are available. Last year it was reported that the privileges extended to campers in this Reservation had been abused, and that it was desirable, if possible, to provide inspection for this rather remote and isolated spot. This service has been most satisfactorily supplied through the courtesy of the State Department of Conservation. The Director of the Department of Fisheries and Game has authorized the Warden of the Division in which Rocky Narrows is situated to include the Reservation in the district patrolled by him, and to warn any one found doing harm of any kind and to assist in the prosecution of any offenders. The result appears to have been most successful, as shown by a letter received from the superintendent of the Medfield Hospital, which is located on the opposite bank of the river, expressing satisfaction at the improvement of conditions. The Trustees and the public are indebted to the Department and its efficient officers for the service rendered.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, has only called for routine work during the year. The elms along Adams Street were sprayed and are in good condition. The grass was cut on the main part of the Field, and the sprout growth on the lower part of the property was cut over. If done annually, this cutting of the sprout growth should become less of a task from year to year. But as the use of the grounds becomes greater, the removal of rubbish becomes more of a burden. The Trustees, under the will of Mary A. Cunningham, have again contributed \$100 towards the care and development of this holding.

*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, is now cared for most satisfactorily by the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge. One of the terms of the agreement

of transfer, which is printed as an Appendix to last year's report, is that the Association should report to the Trustees each year what has been done in the Reservation. The following is the report for the year 1922:

JAN. 22, 1923.

REPORT OF THE MONUMENT MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE OF THE LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION OF STOCKBRIDGE.

Work has been done the past year in clearing up for planting, repairing paths and placing sign boards.

A contract was made with the United Forestry Company of Niverville, N. Y., for the planting of white pine, and under the direction of Paul T. Winslow, Forest Engineer, 27,000 white pine seedlings were planted, and 700 red pine that had been left heeled-in at the time of a previous planting were also planted. The United Forestry Company was doing timbering and forestry work on the watershed of the Stockbridge Water Company under the direction of Mr. Winslow, and as they were already working there we thought it advisable to deal with them.

Automobile parties picnicking on the edge of the Reservation near the highway leave a great deal of unsightly débris which we have been obliged to clean up at times, and at some expense. We have enclosed a small tract of land, to be designated as a picnic ground, near the highway, hoping that it will be easier to deal with this nuisance. The Great Barrington Chamber of Commerce has offered the Laurel Hill Association \$100 to be used for the placing of signs designating paths and trails. Mr. E. B. Drumm has continued timbering dead chestnut on the west side of the cliffs. The roadway leading around on the west side to what is known as "picnic rock," is in a bad condition, but work and expense there would be useless until the timbering and hauling out of dead chestnut logs is discontinued.

Mr. Heath, Treasurer of the Laurel Hill Association, will send in the financial report.

Respectfully,

EDWARD B. OWEN,  
*For the Committee.*



*Treasurer's Report.*

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . . \$2,134 09

Receipts during calendar year 1922:

Feb. 28.	From E. B. Donovan, rent . . . .	\$20 00	
March 9.	From John S. Ames, Trustee . . . .	190 00	
Sept. 12.	From John S. Ames, Trustee . . . .	190 00	
			400 00
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			\$2,534 09

Paid during calendar year 1922:

Feb. 27.	E. B. Donovan, labor . . . .	\$60 00	
March 23.	Aspinwall & Lincoln, plans . . . .	6 00	
April 1.	George L. Buck, labor . . . .	88 25	
April 15.	George L. Buck, labor . . . .	52 50	
May 29.	The United Forestry Co., planting	1,004 50	
June 8.	E. B. Donovan . . . .	19 50	
July 10.	Aspinwall & Lincoln, plans . . . .	6 00	
Oct. 10.	Charles Wolf, labor . . . .	59 50	
Oct. 10.	W. E. Patterson, labor . . . .	25 00	
			1,321 25
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1922 . . . . .			1,212 84
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			\$2,534 09

RALPH E. HEATH,  
*Treasurer.*

*The Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, has been cared for in the usual manner. It was the intention of the Committee to continue this year the fencing on the northerly and easterly boundaries as recommended in their last report, but the custodian reported that it was impossible to obtain the necessary labor therefor, and consequently it was necessary to postpone the work until next spring or summer.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, required considerable attention after the ice storm of the previous year. During last winter and spring, and again this fall, so long as the weather permitted, dead and broken trees were removed from the vicinity of the paths on the north side of the hill. This work will be renewed and completed in the spring. There also remains some of the chestnut growth which is dying and may be cut if there appears to be a market for

it. The pines which were planted two years ago are growing well. The pipe which connects the spring with the drinking fountain near the entrance has rusted out and requires renewal in the spring.

Logs have been cut for new seats along the paths and at points of view in the Reservation, and will be put in place when the season opens. Some difficulties have arisen in re-opening the view to the South from the summit of the hill, as it would require cutting of trees on land not owned by the Trustees. It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that the purchase of a few acres at the top of the hill and south of the Reservation boundary would include a ledge from which there is an unobstructed view towards Northampton and Holyoke. Negotiations with the owner have been begun and a favorable result is anticipated.

By the recent death of Mrs. Estabrook, widow of the late Arthur F. Estabrook, the legacy in his will of \$25,000 to the Trustees becomes available, and payments on account of the same have already been received by the Treasurer. This generous gift from a former member of the Corporation has already been commented upon in a previous report. It is the largest gift ever received by the Trustees from an individual, and as it is unrestricted, will be added to the General Purpose Fund, to which it will be a most welcome addition.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
HERBERT PARKER,  
JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,  
*Standing Committee.*

JAN. 31, 1923.



**REPORT OF THE TREASURER.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1922.

## SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

*For Virginia Wood.*

\$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

\$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. 4s.

\$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

*For General Purpose Fund.*

\$2,000 Baltimore &amp; Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division).

\$5,000 New York, New Haven &amp; Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

\$500 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. income 5s.

*For Pine Knoll.*

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Mount Ann Park.*

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

*For Petticoat Hill.*

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$1,940 41
Coupons on above securities held for this fund . . . . .	345 00
Interest on deposits . . . . .	121 37
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	\$2,406 78
Deficit on Pine Knoll transferred to this account	\$209 27
Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company for annual report and envelopes . . . . .	138 60
Paid John Woodbury, postage and printing notices . . . . .	22 84
Postage on returns to assessors . . . . .	1 08
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	371 79
Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	<hr/>
	\$2,034 99

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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## GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

To balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$721 25	
To subscriptions from Trustees under the will of Mary A. Cunningham for care of field . . . . .	100 00	
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	\$821 25	
Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, for cutting brush . . . . .	\$49 20	
Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, for spraying . . . . .	11 00	60 20
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Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$761 05	

## MOUNT ANN PARK.

Balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$675 09	
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s . . . . .	40 00	
Sale of timber . . . . .	25 00	
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	\$740 09	
Paid Coolidge, Brooks & Rogers, services as foresters . . . . .	71 20	
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	\$668 89	

## PINE KNOLL.

Jan. 1, 1922, by balance . . . . .	\$209 27	
To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s . . . . .	35 00	
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	\$174 27	
Deficit transferred to General Purpose Fund . . . . .	209 27	
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Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$35 00	

## PETTICOAT HILL.

Balance Jan. 1, 1922 . . . . .	\$602 59	
To coupons on American Telephone and Telegraph Com- pany 4s . . . . .	40 00	
Sale of wood . . . . .	100 00	
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	\$742 59	
Paid George A. Thresher for care of hill . . . . .	25 00	
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Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$717 59	

## GOODWILL PARK.

Jan. 1, 1922, to balance . . . . .	\$50 41	
Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$50 41	

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Interest on securities held for this account . . . . .	\$380 00
Paid Ralph E. Heath, Treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, income for year . . . . .	\$380 00

## ROCKY NARROWS.

Jan. 1, 1922, to balance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$49 03
Jan. 1, 1923, to balance	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$49 03

VIRGINIA WOOD.

Jan. 1, 1922, to balance . . . . .	\$1,965 03
To coupons on bonds held for this account . . . .	115 00
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Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$2,080 03

### TRIAL BALANCE.

Dr.	Cr.
Cash . . . \$6,396 99	General Purpose Fund \$2,034 99
	Governor Hutchinson's
	Field . . . 761 05
	Mount Ann Park . 668 89
	Petticoat Hill . . 717 59
	Goodwill Park . . 50 41
	Rocky Narrows . . 49 03
	Pine Knoll . . . 35 00
	Virginia Wood . . 2,080 03
\$6,396 99	\$6,396 99

JOHN S. AMES,  
*Treasurer.*

FEB. 8, 1923.

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1922, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,  
*Committee on Audit.*







The Big White Oak, Petticoat Hill.



## APPENDIX.

## PETTICOAT HILL, FOR EXAMPLE.

BY FRANK A. WAUGH.

[Reprinted by permission from the Outlook of August 23, 1922.]

In western Hampshire County steep hills command no special premium. Even when they have a good stand of timber they are considered valuable chiefly to the lumberman. At the very foot of Petticoat Hill itself stands a thriving sawmill, which obviously could not keep piling up its sawdust cones unless timber cutting were a going business. Yet the sawmill is one of the very clearest reasons for the present status of Petticoat Hill.

For this is not just a common hill with a common stand of second-growth mixed hardwoods on it; this is a State reservation with a bronze tablet set in a stone at the front entrance. The inscription on the tablet reads:

PETTICOAT HILL  
GIVEN INTO THE KEEPING OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS  
BY  
MARTHA WINSLOW NASH  
IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND  
EDWARD WORTHINGTON NASH  
A. LOVER OF NATURE  
1906

In short, we have here a beautiful woodland park typifying several principles of great importance in the cultural life of this interesting young American race.

## MAKING A MEMORIAL OF NATURE.

As a memorial what could be finer than this? In fact, do we not have here the very model for all those communities, all those posts of the American Legion, and all other public

bodies now seeking the best means to memorialize our friends and comrades who failed to return from the Great War? Town parks and forests have been frequently suggested of late as appropriate memorials. Any one who cares to see how it seems may drive up to Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and satisfy himself fully. A half-day scrambling over Petticoat Hill, walking through the cool forest, resting on the convenient seats, drinking from the big spring, looking out at the inspiring distances, ought to convince anybody that such a memorial is worth while.

#### PRESERVING LOCAL SCENERY.

The second great principle here illustrated is that type examples of local scenery ought to be preserved. At this point America has sinned terribly — excessively. From the vast regions of aboriginal forest a visitor can now find only rarely and at far intervals some trifling reminder of what God meant this country to look like. Even in the prairie States the prairies have been generally obliterated, and in place of the ancient story written with blue-stem, bunch-grass and buffalo-grass, with purple astragalus, prairie sage, and upstanding compass-plants, there is inscribed a new story of wheat and corn and alfalfa. No one need regret the transformation, except that it has been too complete. There ought to be some adequate and legible remnants of the prairies kept for succeeding generations.

The fact is, the common college graduate, mill worker, floor-walker, member of the Legislature, or hotel barber does not appreciate the importance of saving good specimens of local scenery. Each of these representatives of general society does actually love the landscape, and goes fishing, golfing, or picnicking in it whenever possible, but he no more considers the public duty of protecting it than he thinks it his business to look after the State's water supply. That is why a concrete example like Petticoat Hill is so significant.

In Belchertown, at the other end of Hampshire County, is another reservation of local scenery equally worthy of mention. This is a deep, rocky, picturesque glen with heavily wooded slopes above and a courageous little stream below. The name commemorates the youth of the author, James G. Holland, spent in this neighborhood. The land was recently bought by public subscription and is held by the trustees of the Belchertown Historical Society.



Still another example of delightful landscape which enjoys a neighborhood reputation and use is found in Whately Glen, in the neighboring town of Whately. Here a considerable brook comes down from the hills through a gorge of heavily faulted granite. There is a whole chromatic scale of waterfalls from A altissimo down to G below the cow pasture. The big ones roar in the gloomy shadows like lions in the jungle; the little ones flash over the sunny ripples like butterflies on the milkweed blossoms. Here, shut in by the towering hills, shaded by the woods and sung to by the tumbling waterfalls, is one of the finest picnic grounds I have ever seen, and I do not forget Schoenbrunn, the Bois de Boulogne, nor Maxwell's Grove on Sharps Creek in Kansas.

This delightful spot, well known and loved by the citizens of two counties, is nevertheless only partially preserved. It is still held partly in private ownership. The village of Deerfield has some water rights, but the public has no permanent picnic rights. Something ought to be done about it, and quite possibly something will. The trend of civilization lies that way.

#### GOVERNMENT AND LANDSCAPE.

Since we have begun to use these joyful bits of common scenery to illustrate general principles, we might as well carry our generalizations one step further. The preservation of good landscape is one of the highest functions of human government. The government has not generally found it out yet, but that does not alter the fact. The Federal government of these United States has lately taken to the protection of a few outstanding landscape features in the National Parks, a few others in the National Monuments, and the incidental, unintentional safeguarding of scenery in the National Forests. Some States have State parks and forests; others are waking up to the sound of the alarm clock, and are stretching themselves in a sleepy sort of way toward the same goal.

#### THE MORE LOCAL, THE MORE IMPORTANT.

But when this is all done, it is not enough — not nearly enough. Petticoat Hill, Whately Glen, and Holland Glen are not National Parks, they are not even State parks; they are merely indispensable. They are here in Massachusetts, where we live, right in our own neighborhood. We can go to see them two or three times a year if we have sense enough. One



could go to them as easily and as often as to the movies, with results possibly as good. They are a part of our daily environment. They help to make Massachusetts beautiful, and Massachusetts is the habitat of some millions of people who need beauty at home.

The general principle here is that local government is the most important — the more local, the more important. The government of our town concerns us more than the affairs of our State, and our State business affects us more seriously than anything they do in Washington; while any one can lately observe that national government is so much more important than world government that national governments will hardly permit the world order to emerge at all. Thus when it comes to that highly consequential function of government, — the reservation, protection, and publication of scenery, — the most serious concern in the whole program is that the local community should take care of its own picnic grounds.

This generalization applies without exception or qualification to every community. Has your neighborhood some exceptionally lovely spot, some lake, some stream, some hilltop outlook, some forest, better than the average and representative of your country at its best? Certainly you will want to keep it, to enjoy it, and to hand it down unimpaired to your grandchildren. Or is your neighborhood, on the contrary, destitute of all these glories? You will then certainly want to keep the best you have, and haply to improve it, so that you may not be ashamed among the neighbors of your State, nor your children unused to the beauties of their native land.

#### DRAWING A MORAL.

Either way, your town requires the best local park which your territory can supply, and the sooner your citizens come to themselves and do the right thing for themselves, the better it will be also for the popular human race, and especially for your immediate successors. It is not necessary to wait for an act of Congress, or even to get a bill through the Legislature. If you and your neighbors know what you want, there are forty ways to get it, and all of them better than getting it through Congress. Petticoat Hill is one example among thousands of what has already been done.





Whately Glen — Picnic Grounds and Cascade.





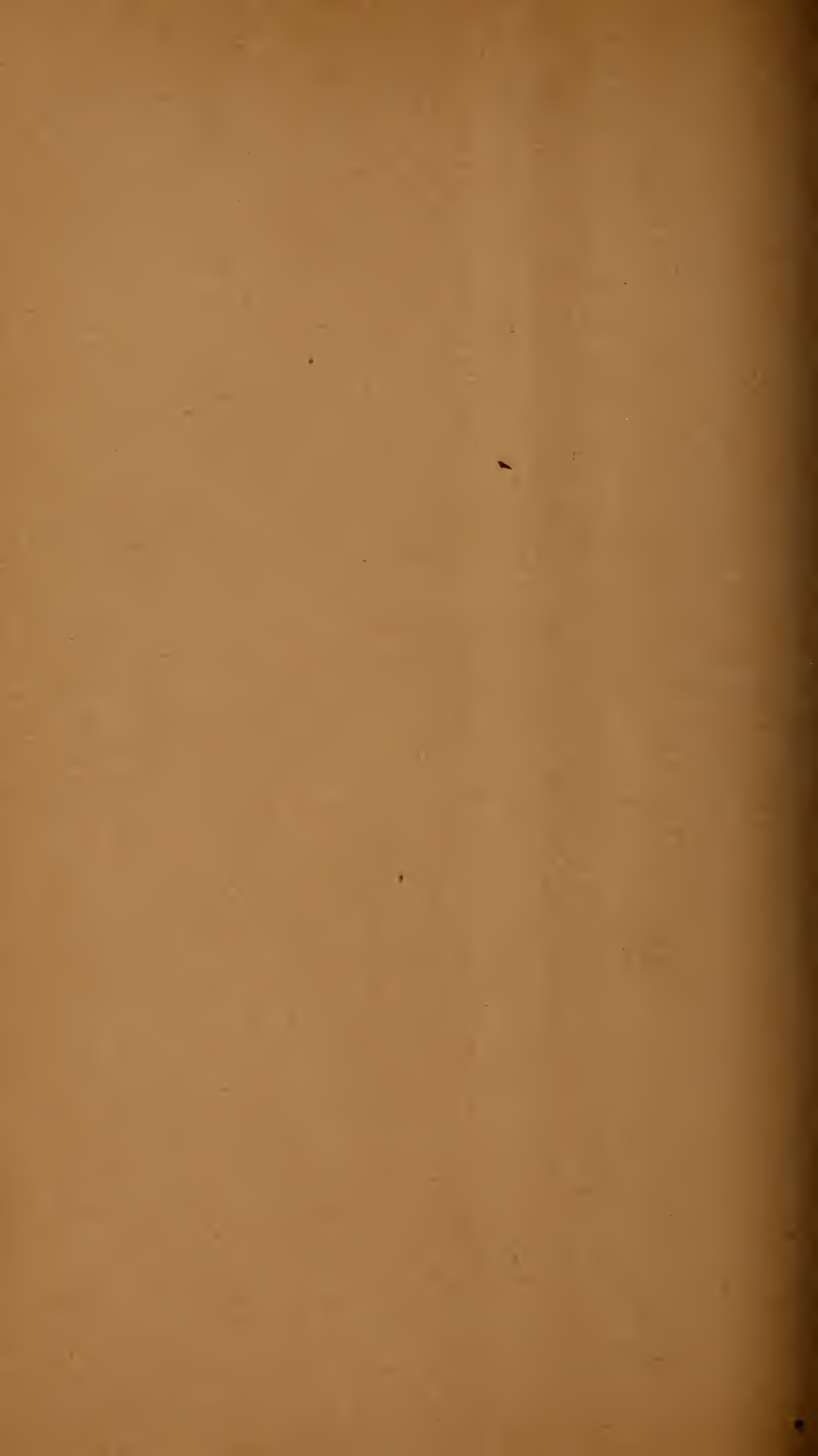












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**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

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CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.**

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but

no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**A R T I C L E   I .**

**O F   M E M B E R S .**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E   I I .**

**O F   F O U N D E R S ,   L I F E   A S S O C I A T E S   A N D   C O N T R I B U T O R S .**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.



## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed



changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence

of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.



THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-third annual report.

*Virginia Wood*, in Stoneham, has been transferred to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission, in pursuance of the authority given by Chapter 219 of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1923 and a vote of this Corporation passed at a special meeting called to act upon this matter held on October 10, 1923. The reasons for this legislation and action were fully set forth in the report of the Trustees of last year, and are, in brief, that *Virginia Wood* is and practically has been almost from the date of its acquirement an integral part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation of the Metropolitan Park System, and by an informal understanding has been largely cared for and maintained by the Park Commission and its successor, the Metropolitan District Commission, as a part of the Fells Reservation. The act authorizing the transfer is printed as an appendix to this report, and it directs that after the transfer has been made the Wood "shall be maintained as a part of said Middlesex Fells Reservation, but it shall continue to be known as *Virginia Wood*, and its bounds shall be marked by suitable boundstones, and the bronze tablet installed therein, expressing the purpose of the gift, shall be maintained in its present or other suitable location." Thereby *Virginia Wood* passes out of the possession of this Association, but it should ever be of interest to the Trustees to observe and to see that in the future as in the past the purposes of this first gift to this Board are being properly carried out. As a matter of convenience it may be noted here that the deed from the Trustees to the Commonwealth is dated October 16, 1923, that the District Commission accepted the same by vote of that Board passed on



October 16, 1923, and that the deed was recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds on November 9, 1923, in Book 4669, page 487.

*Goodwill Park*, in Falmouth, has been kept in good order. The road through this Park was repaired in the spring, dead trees were removed, seats put in condition, and some repairs made on the pavilion. The red pines that were planted a few years ago have made a remarkable growth. Last spring the town of Falmouth set apart town land adjacent to the Park as a town forest, and made an appropriation of \$200 for planting. In conjunction with the Massachusetts Forestry Association ten acres were planted, the work being extended into the Park where it borders the highway. The young trees are reported to be thriving and will replace some large oaks, most of which have already died. The town made the usual appropriation of \$300 for the Park, and it was substantially all expended as above stated.

*Mount Ann Park* in Gloucester, presents problems which are receiving the consideration of the Committee. The disastrous fire of 1921 left conditions which still require attention. The work done by the contractor who undertook the removal of trees killed by the fire and other trees designated by the forester employed by the Trustees has not been satisfactorily performed and more work will be necessary. The paths are not sufficiently designated and much of the view from the summit of the Mount is still obstructed. The question of the public entrance to the Park from the highway is not yet settled. All of these matters demand attention during the coming year.

*Rocky Narrows*, on the Charles River, in Sherborn, does not call for extended mention at this time. There have been no further complaints as to order in this Reservation since the co-operation of the State Department of Conservation was obtained, and the service rendered by the patrol of the Department of Fisheries and Game was acknowledged in the last report. The important question pending in relation to this holding is one of forestry. The depredations of the gypsy moth and the ice storm of November, 1922, have left a large amount of dead wood which for several reasons

should be removed as soon as practicable. The lack of convenient access to this locality makes it doubtful if it can be handled as a commercial proposition, although there is some value in the wood, if there were any possible method of getting it out on a highway. The local committee and members of the Standing Committee are investigating this whole matter and expect to arrange for some of the work, at least, to be done in the near future.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field*, in Milton, had such attention as was necessary. The grass was cut and the trees were sprayed. In addition, an attempt was made to harrow and reseed the grass land which comprises the greater part of this holding. The prolonged dry weather had rendered the sod so tough that it was difficult to cut, and the drought continued so far into the autumn that it seemed best to wait until another year for any improvement of the surface. The old stumps, however, continue to grow in spite of lack of rain.

*Monument Mountain Reservation*, in Great Barrington, is cared for by the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge, and the report of the Association Committee is as follows:

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS OF THE LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

No planting has been done in 1923, but proper work has been done in the care of previous planting. It is proposed to plant additional white pine in 1924.

Large signs have been painted and placed in position stating that Monument Mountain Reservation is the property of the Trustees, and prohibiting fires for any purpose on the reservation.

Signs designating paths have been placed where needed. Work has also been done repairing paths leading to the cliffs.

Additional dead chestnut has been removed. It will be necessary to reclean the lettering on the Memorial Rock this year, as moss and lichens have partly covered it. It may be wise to have the lettering painted, to prevent such growths.

We have to report one small forest fire started by picnickers, which was cared for by the fire departments of Stockbridge and Great Barrington. Not more than an acre was burned over.

When the hauling out of dead chestnut is over, the forest roadway behind the cliffs should be repaired to make it available for horse-



drawn vehicles. The Committee does not favor making this forest roadway available for automobiles, which can be parked a short distance up from the main highway.

The Committee will welcome any suggestions from the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. OWEN,  
*For the Committee.*

JANUARY 5, 1924.

*Pine Knoll*, in Sheffield, requires little beyond the clearing up of the grounds, removal of any dead wood and a small amount of mowing. These matters have been attended to by the custodian, as usual. He again reports that it was impracticable to obtain the labor necessary for rebuilding the section of fence referred to in the last report, but that he hopes to get the work done the coming spring. At the same time it is expected to have some new seats installed in the grove.

*Petticoat Hill*, in Williamsburg, has been added to by the purchase, from Hans Nietshe and others, of ten acres adjacent to the summit of the hill. On this tract are two ledges which command — or will, after a certain amount of clearing has been made — an unobstructed view in a southerly direction. This was the purpose of the purchase. In addition to this clearing referred to there remains in the reservation considerable dead wood from the ice storm, and blighted chestnut, which should be removed as soon as a market therefor can be secured. The hill has been visited this year by the usual number, most of whom came either by automobile or by the electric car line from Northampton.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
CHARLES S. SARGENT,  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
HERBERT PARKER,  
JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*,  
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,

JANUARY 30, 1924.

*Standing Committee.*

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1923.

## SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

*For Virginia Wood.*

\$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

\$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. 4s.

\$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Co. 5s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

*For General Purpose Fund.*

\$2,000 Baltimore &amp; Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division).

\$5,000 New York, New Haven &amp; Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

\$500 Kansas City, Memphis &amp; Birmingham R.R. income 5s.

\$4,000 Chicago Junction Rys. &amp; Union Stock Yards 5s.

\$10,000 Corning Glass Works 5½s.

\$5,000 New England Telephone &amp; Telegraph Co. 5s.

*For Pine Knoll.*

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington &amp; Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Mount Ann Park.*

\$1,000 American Telephone &amp; Telegraph Co. 4s.

*For Petticoat Hill.*

\$1,000 American Telephone &amp; Telegraph Co. 4s.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance Jan. 1, 1923 . . . . .	\$2,034 99
Arthur F. Estabrook, legacy . . . . .	18,750 00
Coupons on above securities held for this fund . . . . .	1,178 36
Interest on deposits . . . . .	141 82
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	\$22,105 17



## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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\$4,000 Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock	
Yards 5s . . . . .	\$3,766 00
\$10,000 Corning Glass Works 5½s . . . . .	10,000 00
\$5,000 New England Telephone & Telegraph	
Co. 5s . . . . .	4,982 50
Union Safe Deposit Vaults for rent of box in	
vault . . . . .	10 00
John Woodbury, postage, printing notices,	
legal expense and typewriting . . . . .	15 48
Postage on returns to assessors . . . . .	96
Certificates of appointment of notary public	1 00
Wright & Potter Printing Co. for Thirty-	
second Annual Report . . . . .	142 24
Wright & Potter Printing Co. printing sec-	
retary's envelopes . . . . .	4 75
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	\$18,922 93
Jan. 1, 1924, to balance . . . . .	<hr/>
	\$3,182 24

## GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$761 05
Paid town of Milton, Forestry Department, for spraying .	13 75
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance . . . . .	\$747 30

## MOUNT ANN PARK.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$668 89
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telegraph & Telephone Co. 4s	40 00
Received on Sidney F. Haskell contract . . . . .	150 00
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To balance Jan. 1, 1924 . . . . .	\$858 89

## PINE KNOLL.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$35 00
Coupons on \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.	
Co. 3½s . . . . .	35 00
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	\$70 00
Paid W. D. French for labor . . . . .	3 00
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance . . . . .	\$67 00

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

## PETTICOAT HILL.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$717 59
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 4s . . . . .	40 00
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	\$757 59
Paid George A. Thresher for care . . . . .	\$123 00
Paid W. Hans Nietzsche for 10 acres of land . . . . .	100 00
Paid E. E. Davis for surveyor's services . . . . .	40 00
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance . . . . .	\$494 44

## GOODWILL PARK.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$50 41
Jan. 1, 1924, to balance . . . . .	\$50 41

## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Interest on securities held for this account . . . . .	\$380 00
Paid Ralph E. Heath, treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, income for year . . . . .	\$380 00

## ROCKY NARROWS.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$49 03
Jan. 1, 1924, to balance . . . . .	\$49 03

## VIRGINIA WOOD.

Jan. 1, 1923, to balance . . . . .	\$2,080 03
Coupons on bonds held for this account . . . . .	115 00
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	\$2,195 03
Paid Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster for legal services in connection with transfer of land . . . . .	102 00
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Jan. 1, 1924, to balance . . . . .	\$2,093 03

## 21

DR.		CR.	
Cash . . . .	\$7,542 34	General Purpose Fund .	\$3,182 24
		Governor Hutchinson's	
		Field . . . .	747 30
		Mount Ann Park . .	858 89
		Petticoat Hill . .	494 44
		Goodwill Park . .	50 41
		Rocky Narrows . .	49 03
		Pine Knoll . . . .	67 00
		Virginia Wood . .	2,093 03
	\$7,542 34		\$7,542 34

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,  
*Committee on Audit.*

LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION, STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

## 1923

Jan.	1	Cash on hand . . . . .	\$1,212 84
Apr.	6	Received from Trustees of Public Reservations .	190 00
Oct.	5	Received from Trustees of Public Reservations .	190 00
Jan.	3	Received from Great Barrington Chamber of Commerce . . . . .	100 00
			<hr/> \$1,692 84

## 1923

Jan. 23	Paid caretaker . . . . .	\$60 00
	Paid for burning and clearing papers . . . . .	4 50
Apr. 4	Paid for cleaning . . . . .	69 00
June 15	Paid for making signs . . . . .	18 96
June 15	Paid for painting signs . . . . .	56 25
July 9	Paid for cleaning . . . . .	13 45
Dec. 24	Paid for clearing brush . . . . .	118 80
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		\$340 96
Dec. 31	Cash on hand . . . . .	1,351 88
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		\$1,692 84

RALPH E. HEATH, *Treasurer,*  
*Laurel Hill Association.*



## APPENDIX.

## CHAPTER 219.

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS  
TO TRANSFER VIRGINIA WOOD IN STONEHAM TO THE MET-  
ROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
General Court assembled and by the authority of the same,  
as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Trustees of Public Reservations, a corporation created by chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer in fee or for care, maintenance and control to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its metropolitan district commission, a parcel of land known as Virginia Wood adjacent to the Middlesex Fells reservation of the metropolitan park system and situated between Pond street and Ravine road in the town of Stoneham, and said district commission is authorized to accept the same on behalf of the commonwealth on such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon between said trustees and said district commission.

SECTION 2. Thereafter said parcel shall be maintained as a part of said Middlesex Fells reservation, but it shall continue to be known as Virginia Wood, and its bounds shall be marked by suitable boundstones, and the bronze tablet now installed therein, expressing the purpose of the gift, shall be maintained in its present or other suitable location.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 7, 1923.*

## VOTE.

At a meeting of the members of the Trustees of Public Reservations, a Massachusetts corporation, duly called and held at Massachusetts, on the tenth day of October, A.D. 1923, at which a quorum was present and acting, it was unani-

mously *voted*, That John S. Ames, the treasurer of this corporation, be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in its name and behalf to sign, seal with the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission, a quitclaim deed conveying to the said Commonwealth a certain parcel of land situate in that part of Stoneham called Wyoming, in the county of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth, and known as Virginia Wood, except such portions thereof as have been previously conveyed of record, or have been taken by right of eminent domain for public use, the said Virginia Wood containing in all about twenty acres more or less; said deed to be in such form and to contain such provisions as to the said treasurer may seem best, and his execution thereof shall be deemed a sufficient determination. A true copy of record, attest, John Woodbury, secretary of the Trustees of Public Reservations.

#### VOTE.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan District Commission duly called and held at the offices of the Commission at 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, on Thursday, November 1, 1923, a deed executed October 16, 1923, from the Trustees of Public Reservations to the Commonwealth, of Virginia Wood, under authority of chapter 219 of the Acts of the year 1923, having been tendered to the Commonwealth by said Trustees, and being laid before the meeting for acceptance, it was *voted* that the secretary be authorized to accept the delivery of the same on behalf of the Commonwealth and to cause the same to be recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds. A true copy of the record, attest, Geo. Lyman Rogers, secretary.

#### DEED.

*Know all men by these presents*, That the Trustees of Public Reservations a corporation established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting herein by virtue and in execution of the power and authority to it given under the terms and provisions of Chapter 219, of the Acts of 1923, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and of every other power and authority it hereto enabling, for consideration paid, hereby grants unto the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Metropolitan District Commission,



with quitclaim covenants, a certain parcel of land situate in that part of Stoneham called Wyoming, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth, and known as Virginia Wood, being all of lots D and E on a plan of lands in Wyoming, made for H. J. Tudor by Edward Buckman of Stoneham, dated June 1863, and referred to in a deed from John C. Ropes et als., Trustees, to the Grantor herein, dated February 6, 1892, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 2096, page 530, except such portions thereof as have been previously conveyed of record, or have been taken by right of eminent domain for public use, the said lots being together bounded as follows:—Northeast and Northwest by Woodland Road, North by land now or late of Charles Cope-land and the Schoolhouse Lot on said plan, one hundred and forty-four feet (144 ft.), West by said Schoolhouse Lot one hundred and sixty-four feet (164 ft.), North again by Pond Street, East by land now or late of Haywood and South, Southwest and South again by the Ravine Road, so called, according to the course thereof containing together about twenty acres more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor herein by said deed dated February 6, 1892, and recorded with said deeds, book 2096, page 530, and this conveyance is made with the benefit of and subject to the trusts, restrictions, limitations and agreements therein set forth or referred to so far as now in force and applicable. Said premises are conveyed also with the benefit of and subject to the terms and provisions of the said Chapter 219 of the Acts of 1923 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The grantee herein agrees that it will hereafter make no claim to any fund or other personal property in the possession of the grantor herein which said fund or other personal property is connected with the care, protection and upkeep of said Virginia Wood, and further agrees that the grantor herein may make such disposition of said fund or other personal property as it deems best.

*In witness whereof* said The Trustees of Public Reservations has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by John S. Ames, its Treasurer, hereto duly authorized this sixteenth day of October, A.D. 1923, no stamps being hereto affixed as none are required by law. The Trustees of Public Reservations by John S. Ames, Treasurer (corporate seal).



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUFFOLK, SS.

OCTOBER 16, 1923.

Then personally appeared the above named John S. Ames and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Trustees of Public Reservations.

Before me,

PAUL B. WATSON, Jr.,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires October 6, 1927.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

NOVEMBER 9, 1923.

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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is John S. Ames, Ames Building, Boston. The secretary is Charles W. Eliot, 2nd, 9 Park Street, Boston, Mass.

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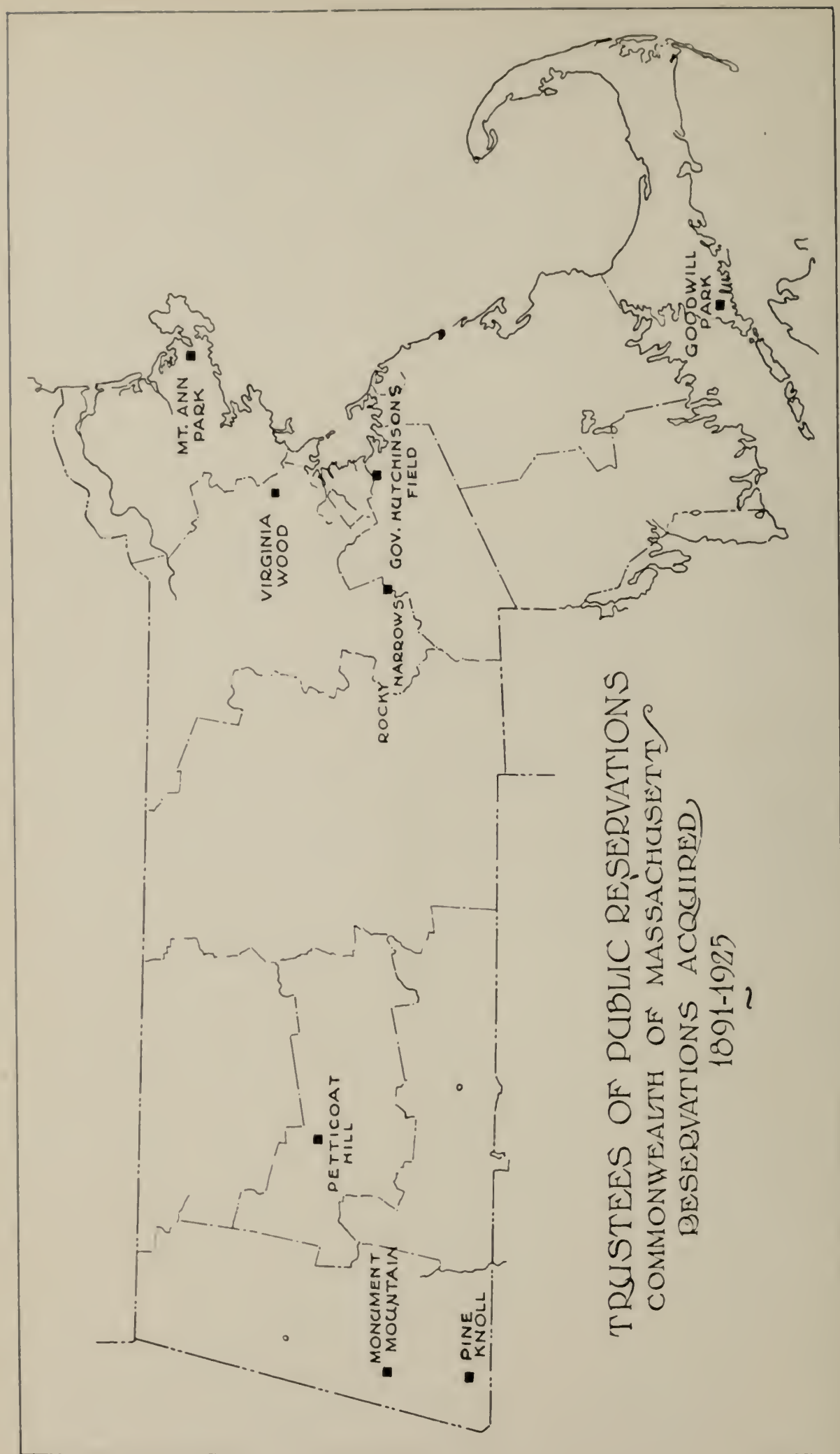




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TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETT  
RESERVATIONS ACQUIRED  
1891-1925



# THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-fifth annual report.

Thirty-five years ago this corporation was established, by chapter 352, Acts of 1891, for the

*“purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining and opening to the public under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth.”*

The Trustees are authorized to acquire land by gift, devise, or purchase, and to hold such lands open to the public and free of taxation. The corporation may receive funds for the care of land and for general purposes up to one million dollars.

Briefly, “this Board was created in order to provide a ready and absolutely trustworthy instrument by means of which persons who may desire to effect the permanent preservation of any interesting or lovely spot in Massachusetts can accomplish their purpose without difficulty or delay from legal causes.”

During these thirty-five years, the Trustees have received by gift eight reservations, together with generous donations for general and particular purposes.

<i>Reservations.</i>		Acres.
Virginia Wood, Stoneham . . . . .		20
Goodwill Park, Falmouth . . . . .		139
Rocky Narrows, Sherborn . . . . .		21
Mount Ann Park, Gloucester . . . . .		50
Governor Hutchinson's Field, Milton . . . . .		10
Monument Mountain Reservation, Great Barrington . . . . .		260
Pine Knoll, Sheffield . . . . .		6
Petticoat Hill, Williamsburg . . . . .		60

These reservations are administered by the Standing Committee through Local Committees in co-operation with the Field Secretary. Custodians or local administrators act under the direction of the Field Secretary. A report of the Field Secretary on each reservation, with account of activities of the last year and recommended action for next year, is submitted herewith.

*Established Funds.*

General Purpose Fund:

Virginia Wood subscription, 1891-92 . . . . .	\$2,000
Legacy of Joseph P. Glover, 1902 . . . . .	2,000
Legacy of Henry Pickering, 1909 . . . . .	5,000
Legacy of A. E. Estabrook, 1923-24-25 . . . . .	23,750

Monument Mountain Reservation:

Miss Helen C. Butler, 1899-1906 . . . . .	7,000
Pine Knoll, Mary E. Dewey, 1903 . . . . .	1,000
Mount Ann Park, Minot Family and Friends . . . . .	1,000
Petticoat Hill, Mrs. Martha W. Nash, 1906 . . . . .	1,000

A more complete list and the Treasurer's Report will be found on page 27.

During all of the earlier years of the existence of this Board, the work was seriously handicapped by lack of funds for the care of reservations and for general purposes. On several occasions the Trustees have had to refuse gifts of land and buildings because without the funds to properly care for them. The Standing Committee has been encouraged by recent bequests to believe that other donors may now come forward to provide additional unrestricted funds for the general purposes of the Trustees.

**Other Activities of the Trustees.**

*Information concerning Open Spaces, 1891-92-93.* — Soon after its organization, this Board undertook to obtain information on the general subject of open spaces in Massachusetts. The reports of the agent of the Board, Mr. J. B. Harrison, on the extent and condition of "Public Holdings in the Shore Towns," were printed as appendices to the first and third reports of the Trustees. In addition to these reports statistical information and compilations of laws relating to open spaces were also prepared and printed. A list of the material printed as appendices to previous reports is submitted herewith as Appendix A.

*Metropolitan Park System.* — Late in the year 1891 the Trustees called a meeting of the local park commissioners and committees from the towns and cities of the Boston Metropolitan District, which was held at the office of the Boston Park Commission on December 16, 1891. The result of this meeting was the creation by the Legislature of 1892 of a commission to prepare a comprehensive plan for a Metropolitan Park System. It will always be a mark of distinction to the Trustees that they had so important a part in the inception of this highly successful undertaking.

*Province Lands.* — One of the early reports of the Agent of the Trustees, Mr. Harrison, called attention to the large tract of public domain at the end of Cape Cod which is known as the Province Lands. This Board referred the report to the General Court. The Legislature of 1892, misunderstanding the unofficial character of the Board, passed an act directing the Trustees to investigate the matter further, and to submit a plan for reclamation and permanent protection of the area against drifting sand. The Trustees accepted the public duty imposed upon them, and through their Standing Committee prepared and presented to the following Legislature a report which was printed as a public document and as an appendix to its Second Annual Report. The recommendations made by the Trustees were adopted.



*Outdoor Advertising.* — The Trustees have always taken a lively interest in the movement for the restriction of offensive outdoor advertising. On occasion they have been instrumental in strengthening the laws against the defacement of natural objects by advertisements, and are ready to do so again.

#### **Activities of the Year.**

The activities of the year covered by this report have been along lines similar to those followed in the past.

*Office of Secretary and Field Secretary.* — At the last annual meeting of the Corporation Mr. Henry H. Richardson was elected Secretary, but later declined to serve. In accordance with Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws, the Standing Committee proceeded at the next meeting to fill the vacancy by the election of Charles W. Eliot 2nd, who has served as Secretary since April 1, 1925. Prior to this time and in pursuance of the vote of the Corporation at the last annual meeting, the Standing Committee had engaged the services of Mr. Eliot as Field Secretary to perform the duties suggested in the last Annual Report.

*Estabrook Bequests.* — The generous bequest of Mr. Arthur F. Estabrook for the general purposes of the Corporation was noted in the Annual Report for 1922. An additional part payment of this legacy has just been received. By the terms of the will of his wife, Mrs. Ida F. Estabrook, the same organizations which were benefited by her husband's bequests were again remembered. Litigation concerning this provision of her will has delayed payment, but the Standing Committee has authorized the acceptance of the sum of five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars based upon the decision of Judge Braley.

*Committee on Needs and Uses of Open Spaces in Massachusetts, 1925.* — Since 1893, when the Annual Report of the Trustees included some information on "Public Holdings of the Shore Towns of Massachusetts," there has been no published data available concerning public open spaces in Massachusetts. Large increases have been made in the public holdings of the towns, cities and State, as well as in



the holdings of semi-public organizations such as the Trustees of Public Reservations.

Since 1891, when this Corporation was formed, a large number of new organizations and government departments have undertaken work in this field. It is evidently desirable that these organizations should co-operate wherever possible. The Standing Committee, therefore, authorized the Secretary "to invite the co-operation of two or more other societies to call a general conference of representatives of organizations and other persons interested in the needs and uses of Open Spaces in Massachusetts."

Ten societies joined with the Trustees in calling a conference which met on May 14, 1925, and over which Mr. B. Loring Young presided. President Eliot, Commissioner Williams of the Department of Public Works, and Mr. Bailey, the State Forester, spoke. The result of this meeting was the appointment of an executive committee, of which Mr. Charles S. Bird, Jr., is chairman, to promote "co-operation among existing organizations and government departments interested in the provision, distribution, development and maintenance of Open Spaces in Massachusetts."

An account of the activities of that committee accompanies this report. The chief work to date has been the collection of information concerning existing public holdings and the recording of those areas on Geological Survey Sheets.

*Public Beaches.* — A Special Commission appointed under the provisions of chapter 26, Resolves of 1925, on Public Beaches, has been "investigating opportunities for access by the public to beaches." The whole question of the rights of the public and ownership of the beaches on Cape Cod is now before the courts. The Trustees of Public Reservations are naturally interested, and particularly because of their work in 1892 in relation to the Province Lands. The Standing Committee is following all developments, and hopes next year to be able to report substantial progress looking to "protection of beaches for the public and to secure their more complete enjoyment by the public."

*Restriction of Outdoor Advertising.* — The enforcement of all restrictions upon billboards in this State is now held up pending argument and decision on two injunction cases brought by the combined bill-posting companies of the United States. A committee has been organized to defend the law, and the Trustees are co-operating with this committee to aid the town of Concord to carry its case to a successful issue.

#### **Report of Field Secretary on the Reservations.**

The suggestion contained in the last Annual Report concerning the appointment of a Field Secretary was adopted by the Corporation at the last meeting. The duties of the office are to visit the reservations, to report findings to the Standing Committee, to oversee authorized expenditures, and to direct the custodians as to their duties.

The Field Secretary has visited all of the reservations at least once during the year, and in some cases several times. A brief report on each reservation, the work of the last year, and particular needs is submitted herewith.

*Virginia Wood* (20 acres). — Given by Fanny Foster Tudor in memory of her daughter, Virginia Tudor, 1894. A fund of two thousand dollars for care and maintenance was raised at the same time.

The reservation is a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation of the Metropolitan Park System in the town of Stoneham near the Melrose line. It lies between Ravine Road, Woodland Road and Pond Street, and may be easily reached from Wyoming Station on the Western Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. The tract is beautifully wooded with pine and hemlock, and is traversed by Spot Pond Brook.

Since 1894 the Metropolitan Park Commission has cared for the Virginia Wood as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. The identity of the Wood has been preserved by a tablet and by marking the boundaries with stone bounds. In 1923, after long deliberation and by authority of the General Court (chapter 219, Acts of 1923), the Trustees formally turned over the title to the Commonwealth.





VIRGINIA WOOD. — Ravine Road.



The act, deed and votes relating to this action of the Trustees were printed as an appendix to the Thirty-third Annual Report.

Early in 1924, after consultation with the Attorney-General, and after obtaining the consent of all subscribers who gave twenty-five or more dollars, the Virginia Wood Fund was combined with the General Purpose Fund of the Trustees.

While no longer actively responsible for this reservation, the Standing Committee are naturally interested to see to it as far as possible, that the original purposes of this first gift to the Trustees are being properly carried out.

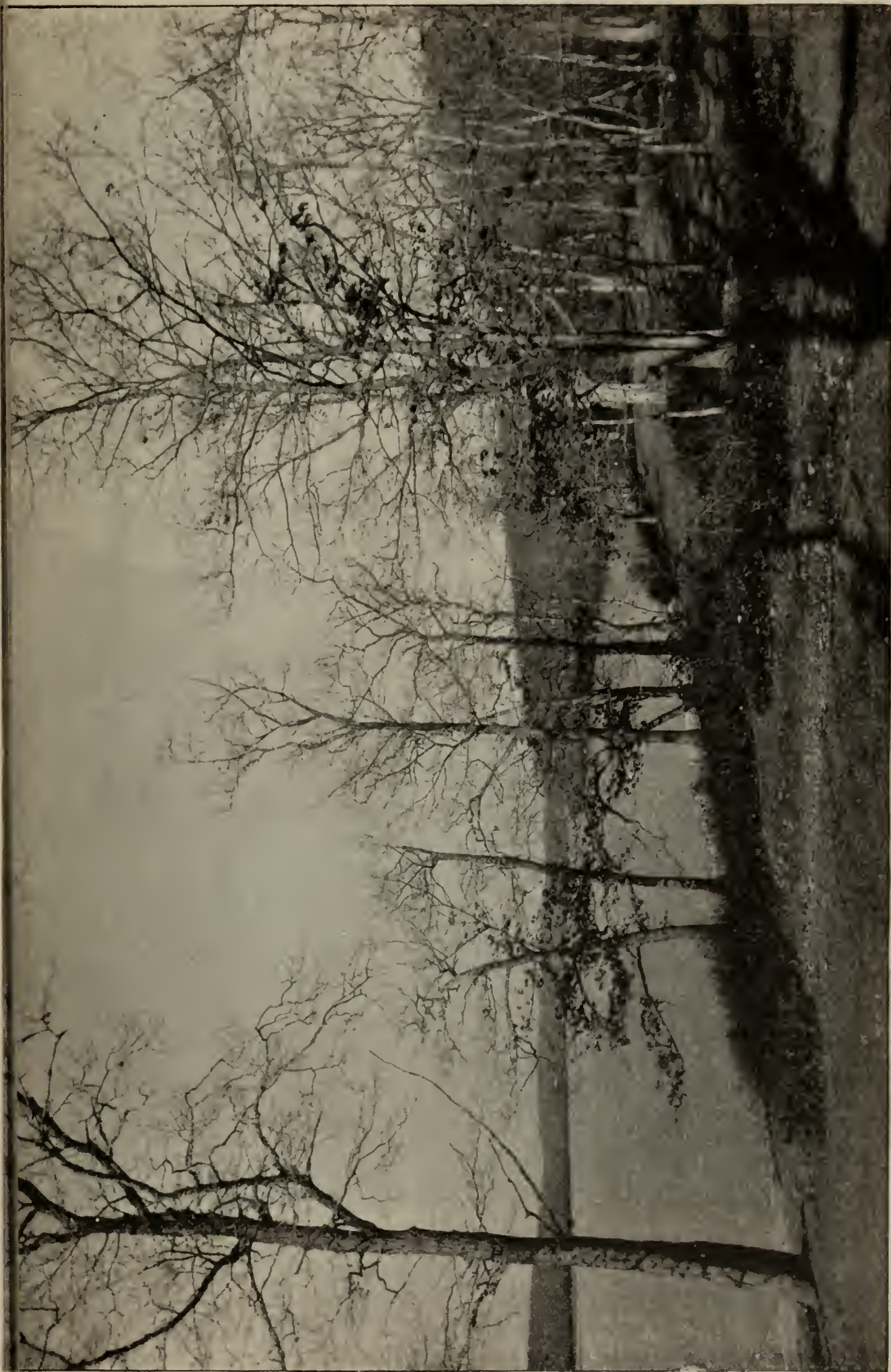
*Goodwill Park* (139 acres). — Given by Mr. Joseph Story Fay as an expression of his goodwill towards Falmouth in 1894, and added to by his children and others in following years. At various times Mr. Fay gave sums for the care of the reservation, and for many years the town of Falmouth has made an annual appropriation of three hundred dollars to meet upkeep expenses. Mr. E. Pierson Beebe, Mr. Philip Spalding, and Mr. W. E. Lawrence are the Local Committee.

The reservation includes Grew's Pond and borders on Long Pond which is used for water supply purposes by the town. It is approached by two park roads from the State highway on the west or from Gifford Road on the east. The tract is thickly wooded except near Long Pond where a picnic place and shelter is located. A few years ago a large number of pine and spruce seedlings were set out to eventually replace some of the old and dying oaks.

This year the reservation has received the usual care, such as road repair, grass mowing, collection of refuse, etc., under the direction of the local committee, and this work has been paid for by appropriation from the town.

The chief need of this reservation is an improvement of its boundaries. The properties now held are in three separate pieces which should be connected. Since Long Pond is used for water supply, the town is naturally interested in preserving the shores for its protection, and





GOODWILL PARK. — Looking up Long Pond.



would certainly be glad to co-operate with the Trustees in this matter. The rapid increase in land values on Cape Cod suggests the advisability of prompt action. It might well be argued that the abutting property owners and the town would both be benefited by the extension of the park around the pond, — the town by the protection of its water supply, and the abutters by the assurance of attractive, open frontage looking over park land to the pond.

*Rocky Narrows* (21 acres). — Gift of Augustus Hemenway, 1897. Mr. Hemenway also gave one hundred dollars for the care of the reservation in 1900. Improvements were also paid for by Mr. Arthur F. Estabrook during his lifetime. Mr. Henry M. Channing is the Local Committee.

Known to canoeists as the "Gates of the Charles," the Rocky Narrows in Sherborn and Medfield are one of the most unique features of the scenery along the Charles River. The Reservation includes a camping place, a meadow framed by a wooded ridge and known as the "Dingle Hole," and a high ledge crowned with hemlocks which forms half of the gorge from which the reservation takes its name. Access by land is difficult and circuitous, but by water it is pleasant and easy.

The reservation is much visited by canoeists who often stay and camp. The Standing Committee has adopted rules governing camping and set aside a special place for that use. Enforcement of these rules has been difficult at times, but with the co-operation of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation good order has been maintained.

This year the only work done on the reservation has been to clean the rubbish left by careless visitors from the ledge. Arrangements have been made to replace the existing signs early next season. The spring should be cleared and signs erected to show its location. To date no market has been found for the dead chestnut at the upper end of the reservation. Considering the difficulty of approach by road, it is unlikely that any market will be found, and it will probably be necessary to cut and burn the wood on the spot.



ROCKY NARROWS.—The Gates of the Charles.



The funds held for the care of this reservation are hardly sufficient for operations of this character.

*Mount Ann Park* (50 acres). — Gift of William, Charles S., Robert S. and Lawrence Minot in memory of their brother, Henry Davis Minot, 1897. A fund of one thousand dollars was subscribed by personal friends and members of the family. Mr. George Wigglesworth and Mr. Sydney F. Haskell are the Local Committee.

The Park lies in West Gloucester and near the Essex Road. Mount Ann (often called Thompson's Mountain) is the highest elevation on Cape Ann, and the view from the top is extensive. The park includes this summit and a glen with very fine hemlocks and some large boulders. It is a condition of the deed that this tract of land shall be preserved as a wild park, and little has been done beyond keeping the main paths open.

This year the reservation escaped damage from forest fires which again threatened the Park. The recurrence of the fire problem in that vicinity has again suggested the advisability of erecting a fire tower on Mount Ann, but although seriously discussed, conversations with State officials to that end have so far failed of any results in that direction.

The conversations have resulted, however, in a visit to the reservation by the assistant State Forester, in company with the Field Secretary, and the planning out of work which should be undertaken to preserve the safety and health of the trees. It is hoped that with the co-operation of the custodian, Mr. Haskell, this work may be started this winter.

For several years attention has been called to the need of a better approach from the highway. As soon as the problem is settled, a tablet showing the memorial character of the Park should be erected either at the entrance or at the top of the mountain.

The possibility of improving the boundaries of the reservation on the south is also worthy of attention. The Dyke's Meadow Reservoir lies just south of the reservation, but is



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Southeast View.



separated by a strip of land which prevents the use of two public reservations as one. No funds are available for the acquisition of more land at this point or for a better approach over land next the highway.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field* (10 acres). — Mr. John M. Forbes and his sister, Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham, gave nearly three-quarters of the land, and the remaining portion was purchased from funds obtained by subscriptions. Further subscriptions and a bequest of one thousand four hundred dollars under the will of Mrs. Cunningham have provided funds for the care of the Field. Messrs. Nathaniel T. Kidder, E. W. Forbes, and Charles S. Rackemann are the Local Committee.

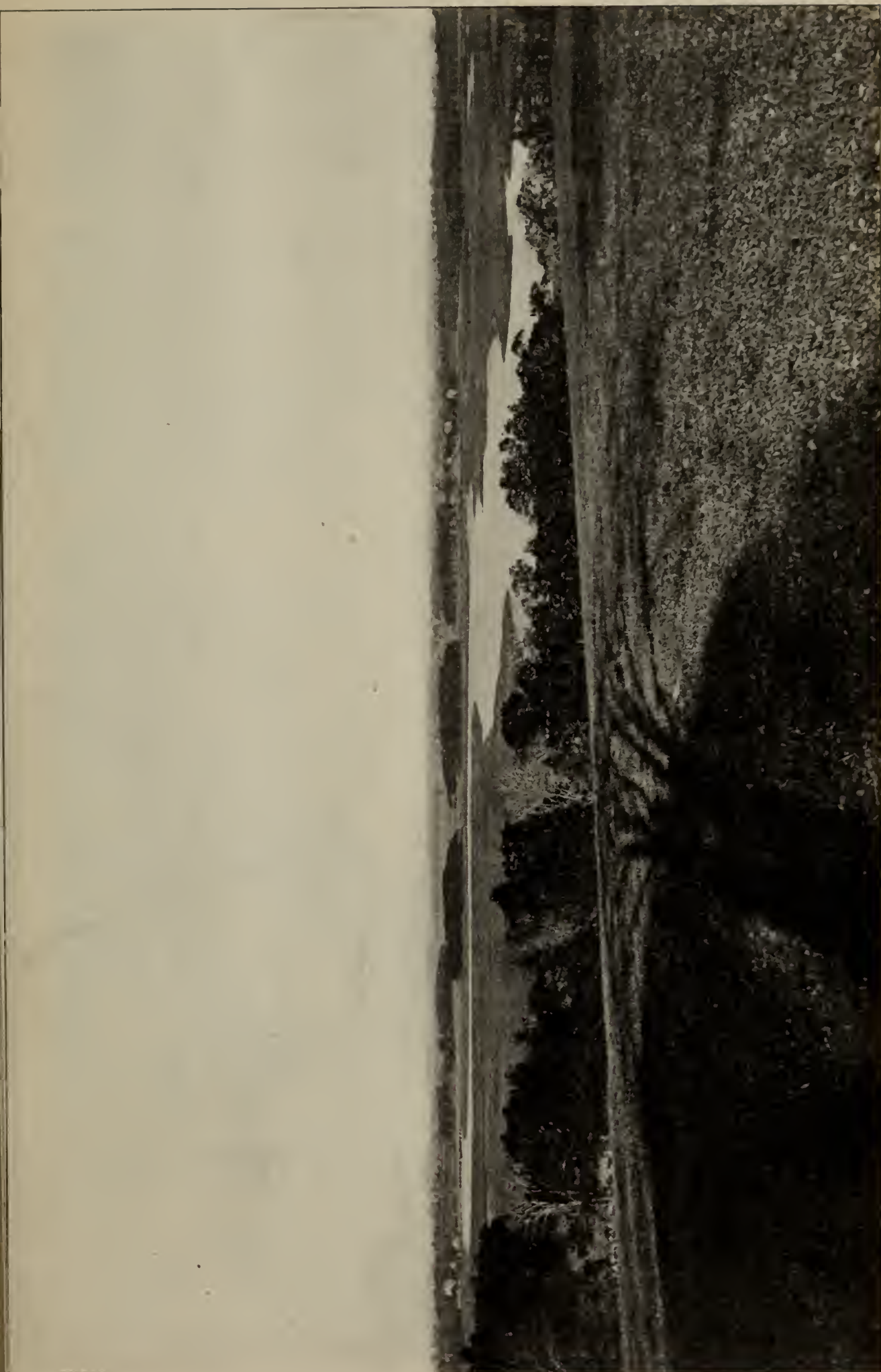
The reservation is an open field extending from the highway on Milton Hill down to the Neponset River. The view is over the Neponset Meadows which are now a part of the Metropolitan Park System.

The customary work has been carried on this year as heretofore. The grass was cut as usual. A heavy wind-storm during the summer did some damage to the large beech trees at the foot of the reservation. This winter the town of Milton has erected a temporary fence parallel to Adams Street in the hope of preventing snow from drifting into the road. The fence is only temporary and will be removed in the spring.

*Monument Mountain* (260 acres). — Gift of the late Miss Helen C. Butler of New York in 1899 "in fulfillment of the wish of the late Rosalie Butler, that it might be preserved forever for the enjoyment of the public." Miss Butler's original gift was accompanied by two thousand dollars for the care of the reservation, and this fund was increased by an additional gift from her of five thousand dollars in 1906.

The reservation lies close to the Stockbridge-Great Barrington line and beside the main road connecting those places. It includes the east peak — Squaw Peak — and the ridge to the south. A wood road from the highway skirts around the southern end of the ridge and up the west side to a picnic grove in the valley between the east and west





GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

peaks. Paths from the highway and from the picnic place lead to the top near which a Memorial Rock has been inscribed. The views from the rock and from the top are very extensive, and the mountain itself is a feature of the scenery of the region.

By an agreement with the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge (text published as appendix of 1921 Annual Report) the care of the reservation has been turned over to a committee of that organization. The financial report of the Committee of the Laurel Hill Association for this year is included with the Treasurer's report.

The Committee's report for this year indicates unusual activity and substantial accomplishments. The Field Secretary has made two visits to the reservation, and on the occasion of the second visit co-operated with the chairman, Mr. W. H. Clarke, in planning the work for the year. This work included "thinning of pines, clearing of brush and stump growth along the highway, clearing brush in the vista from the Memorial Rock, cutting out undergrowth for several rods around the picnic grove, destroying of brush and stump growth along the wood road for some distance, and the cutting of dead timber on top of the mountain and along the upper ranges of the burnt-over tract, also repair of trails."

Mr. Clarke reports: "the young pines set out a few years ago seem to be coming along; and as stump growth, brush and briars are cleared out, hardwood and pine are coming in sufficiently to make planting unnecessary over considerable areas where some two years ago it did seem necessary."

By agreement with the Laurel Hill Association the arrangement of the Trustee's with E. B. Drumm of Stockbridge concerning the removal of dead chestnut trees from the reservation is to terminate on April 1, 1926. This step was taken to simplify the relations existing between the Trustees and the Association.

It should be kept in mind that the reservation as now bounded includes only one peak of the Mountain. If opportunity offers, funds are available, or if some other public-





MONUMENT MOUNTAIN FROM STOCKBRIDGE.



spirited citizen may wish to follow the example of the late donor of the existing park, the reservation of the north side of the Mountain for the public would be an ideal and permanent memorial to a lover of nature and of this region.

A memorial path from the Hickey Farm to the summit or along the ridge, with a fund for maintenance, might also be suggested. Such paths have been built with great success in the Lafayette National Park at Mount Desert. This reservation at Monument Mountain, the largest held by the Trustees, offers similar opportunities.

*Pine Knoll* (6 acres). — Gift of Miss Mary E. Dewey, Miss Laura D. Russell, Mrs. Anna E. Barnard, Mr. Dwight Andrews and Mrs. Francis T. Owen, 1902. A fund of eight hundred dollars was given the following year. Mr. Charles S. Rackemann is the Local Committee.

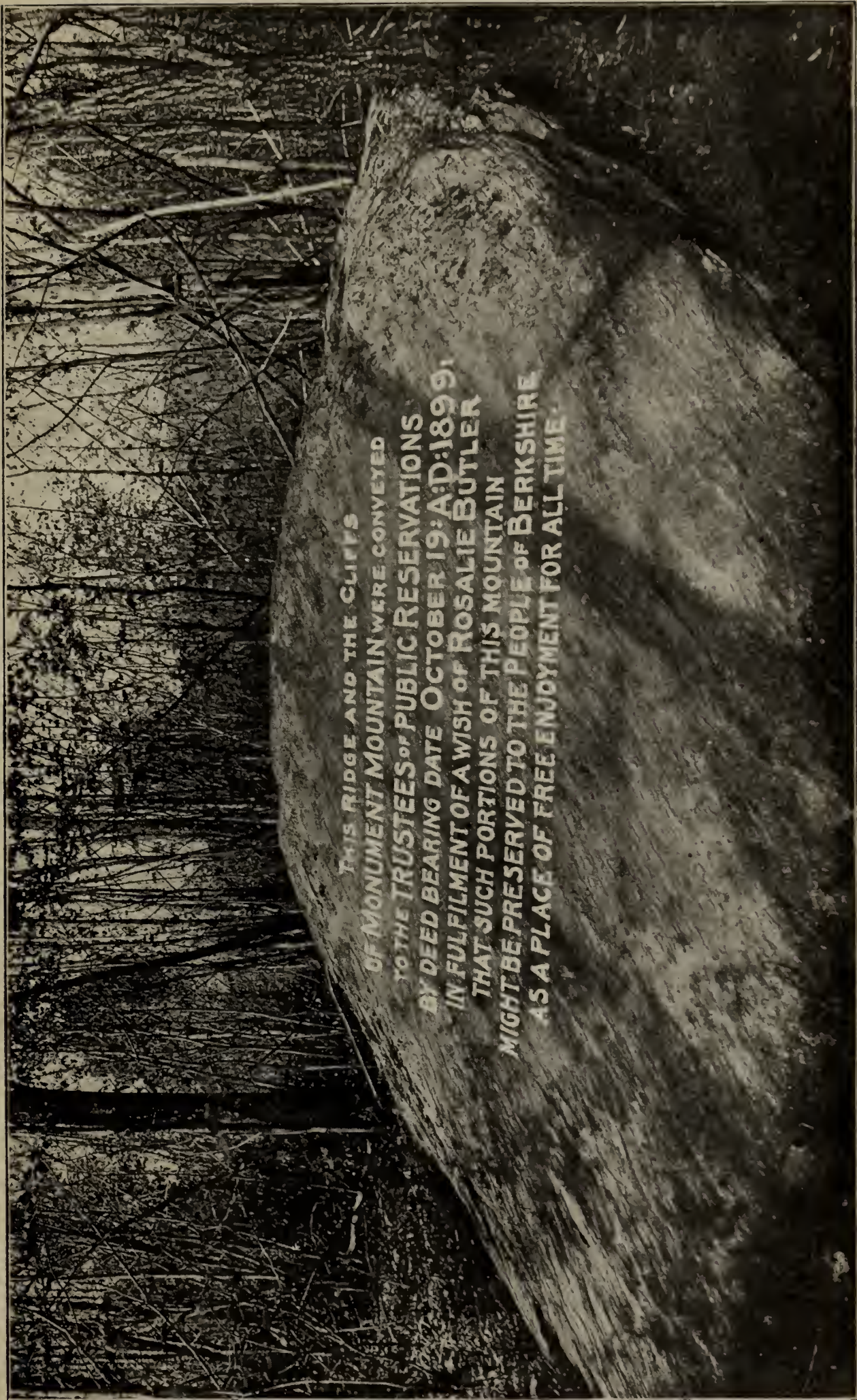
The reservation lies just off the main street of the town of Sheffield, and includes a grassy terrace of two or three acres jutting out into the Housatonic Meadows and offering views of the valley and of Taghkonic. The knoll is fringed by noble pine trees. Between the Knoll proper and the village there are three more open acres which are used as a playground for the school which faces the reservation.

On Arbor Day last spring Mr. Walter P. Eaton arranged with the school authorities to have the pupils in the adjoining schoolhouse plant seventy-five small pines on the banks of the Knoll. Most of these trees have taken hold, and a good policy for the future replacement of the old pines has been inaugurated. Two or three of the older trees have fallen or have had to be removed during the year. Many others are in a dangerous condition and will have to come down in the near future. It is, therefore, a good time to be starting new growth.

The fence around the south and east sides of the Knoll was in need of repair and has been renewed where necessary.

The strip of land between the Main Street and the Knoll is used as a driveway approach to the school as well as to the reservation. The road was much worn and in need of repair. By agreement with the town the cost of repairing





THIS RIDGE AND THE CLIFFS  
OF MONUMENT MOUNTAIN WERE CONVEYED  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS  
BY DEED BEARING DATE OCTOBER 19: A: D: 1899:  
IN FULFILLMENT OF A WISH OF ROSALIE BUTLER  
THAT SUCH PORTIONS OF THIS MOUNTAIN  
MIGHT BE PRESERVED TO THE PEOPLE OF BERKSHIRE  
AS A PLACE OF FREE ENJOYMENT FOR ALL TIME.



this road with a new gravel top coat and a new culvert has been divided between the town and the Trustees. The result of the work done under the agreement is a greatly improved appearance and approach to the reservation.

During the year an attempt has been made to discover the usefulness, if any, of the old tennis court on the Knoll. Suggestions looking to the formation of a tennis club or other organization which might use and keep up the tennis court have as yet proved useless. Your Field Secretary recommends that if nothing is done this summer, next autumn the backstops should be removed and the court obliterated by regrading. The present appearance of the court is far from satisfactory.

Now that the approach road has been repaired, it might be advisable to erect a sign or tablet at the entrance to the reservation on the main street.

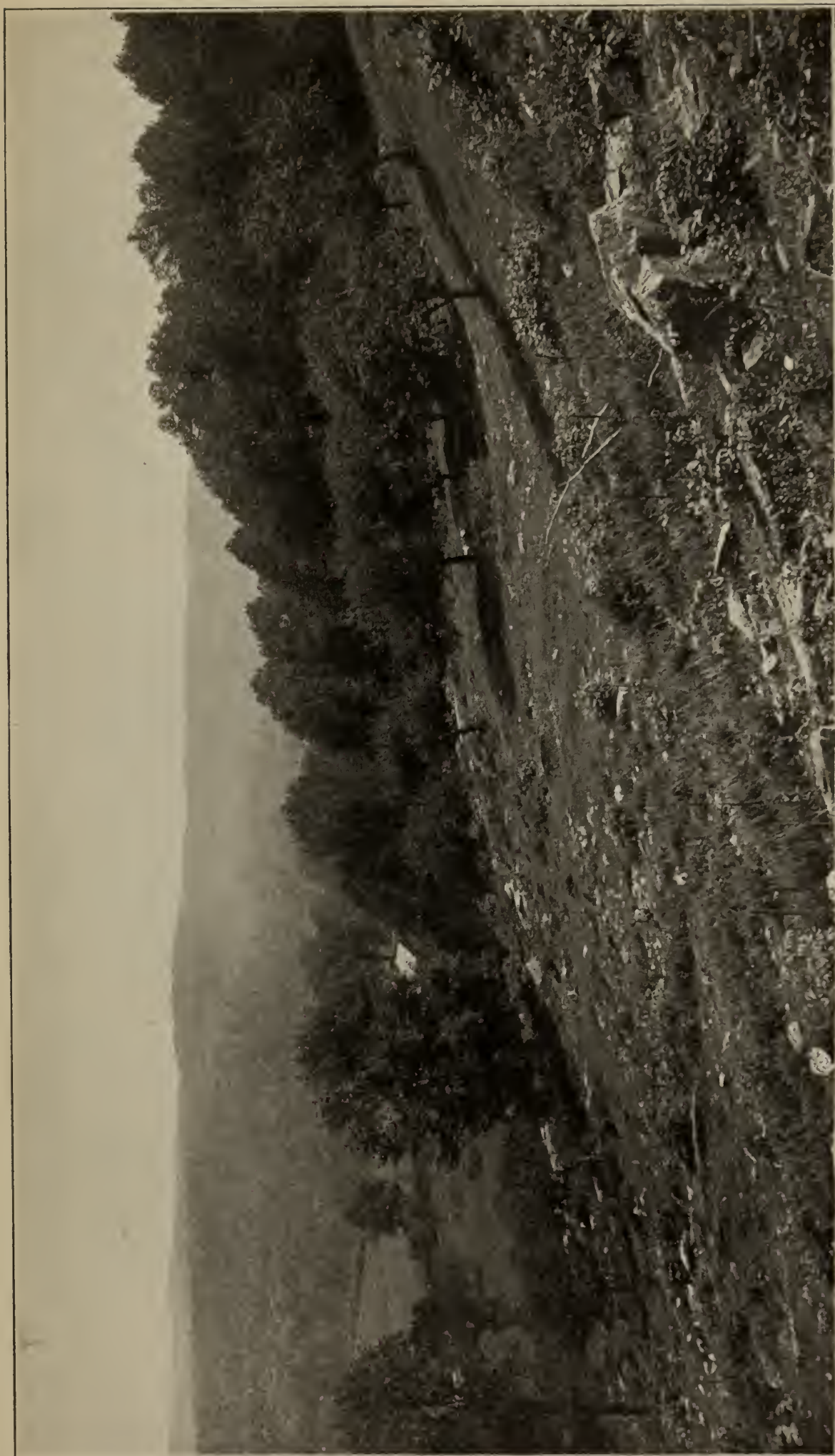
*Petticoat Hill* (60 acres). — Gift of Mrs. Martha W. Nash in memory of her husband, Edward W. Nash, 1905, together with a fund of one thousand dollars for its care and maintenance. At sundry times Mrs. Nash has also paid for improvement and maintenance work. In 1923 the Trustees acquired 10 acres of additional land. Mr. John Woodbury and the Secretary serve as a Local Committee, and Mr. George A. Thresher is the Custodian.

Petticoat Hill lies just west of the center of the town of Williamsburg, and about seven miles northwest of Northampton. A path to the summit leads through oak and hemlock woods to the upper ledges whence a wide view of the Connecticut Valley may be obtained.

During the last year new paths have been laid out to the ledges on the more recently acquired land, and the views from those ledges have been greatly improved by the clearing and burning of brush.

The pipe line from the spring to the open grass area near the entrance has been replaced and the cover on the spring has been renewed. This work has been done at Mrs. Nash's special request and she has contributed the cost. The usual work on paths, clearing brush, replacing signs, etc., has been done by the Custodian.





PETTICOAT HILL

Just over the boundary line near the town, the Boy Scouts have been building a large structure as their headquarters. While welcoming the probable increased use of the reservation which choice of this site would indicate, one could wish that it had not been necessary to build so close to the reservation entrance. If possible, the Scouts should be persuaded to use a dark green stain on their building, and the Trustees should find means to plant trees and shrubs to improve its setting.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,  
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NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,  
HERBERT PARKER,  
JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*,  
CHARLES W. ELIOT 2ND, *Secretary*,  
*Standing Committee.*

JANUARY 27, 1926.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925.

SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

- \$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s.
- \$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Co. 5s.
- \$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

*For General Purpose Fund.*

- \$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Debenture 4s.
- \$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).
- \$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. Inc. 5s.
- \$4,000 Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock Yards 5s.
- \$10,000 Corning Glass Works 5½s.
- \$5,000 New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. 5s.
- \$3,000 San Joaquin Light and Power Co., Series C, 6s.
- \$2,000 Western Electric Co. 5s.
- \$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Conv. 4s.
- \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
- \$2,000 United Electric Securities Co. 5s.
- \$3,000 Yadkin River Power Co. 5s.

*For Pine Knoll.*

- \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Mount Ann Park.*

- \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Coll. Tr. 4s.

*For Petticoat Hill.*

- \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Coll. Tr. 4s.



## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance January 1, 1925 . . . . .	\$4,295 93
Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co. 3½s, 2,000 bonds sold . . . . .	2,000 00
Coupons on above securities held for this fund . . . . .	1,852 50
Interest on deposits . . . . .	86 88
Donation . . . . .	5 00
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	\$8,240 31

Union Safe Deposit Vaults for rent of safe in vault . . . . .	\$15 00
\$3,000 Yadkin River Power Co. 5s. . . . .	2,925 00
\$2,000 United Electric Security Co. 5s. . . . .	1,900 00
Charles W. Eliot 2nd, professional services and secretarial expenses . . . . .	366 21
Wright & Potter Printing Co., envelopes and letterheads . . . . .	36 75
Wright & Potter Printing Co., circular letters and slips . . . . .	18 25
Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing Annual Report . . . . .	114 75
Postage on return to assessors . . . . .	1 60
Pine Knoll deficit transferred to this account . . . . .	98 71
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	5,476 27
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January 1, 1926, to balance . . . . .	\$2,764 04

## GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

January 1, 1925, to balance . . . . .	\$552 90
Paid town of Milton for spraying . . . . .	6 50
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January 1, 1926, to balance . . . . .	\$546 40

## MOUNT ANN PARK.

January 1, 1925, to balance . . . . .	\$868 56
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s . . . . .	40 00
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January 1, 1926, to balance . . . . .	\$908 56

## PINE KNOLL.

January 1, 1925, to balance . . . . .	\$72 50
Coupons on \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s . . . . .	35 00
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	\$107 50
Paid W. D. French for labor and materials . . . . .	\$25 10
Paid W. D. French for services as custodian, year 1924 . . . . .	15 00
Paid W. D. French for labor, material and fencing . . . . .	100 11
Paid W. D. French for labor and supplies . . . . .	50 00
Paid W. D. French for services as custodian and cutting trees, year 1925 . . . . .	16 00
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	206 21
Deficit . . . . .	\$98 71
Deficit transferred to General Purpose Fund . . . . .	\$98 71

## PETTICOAT HILL.

January 1, 1925, to balance . . . . .	\$490 99
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s . . . . .	40 00
Donation for care for year 1925 . . . . .	113 44
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	\$644 43
Paid George A. Thresher for care, year 1924 . . . . .	\$25 00
Paid George A. Thresher for care, labor and material for year 1925 . . . . .	113 44
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	138 44
January 1, 1926, to balance . . . . .	\$505 99

## GOODWILL PARK.

January 1, 1925, to balance . . . . .	\$50 41
January 1, 1926, to balance . . . . .	\$50 41

## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Coupons on securities held for this account . . . . .	\$380 00
Paid Ralph E. Heath, Treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, income for year . . . . .	380 00

## PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

## ROCKY NARROWS.

January 1, 1925, to balance . . . . .	\$49 03
January 1, 1926, to balance . . . . .	\$49 03

## TRIAL BALANCE.

DR.	CR.
Cash . . . . . \$4,824 43	General Purpose Fund \$2,764 04
	Governor Hutchinson . . . . .
	Field . . . . . 546 40
	Mount Ann Park . . . . . 908 56
	Petticoat Hill . . . . . 505 99
	Goodwill Park . . . . . 50 41
	Rocky Narrows . . . . . 49 03
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\$4,824 43	\$4,824 43

JOHN S. AMES,  
*Treasurer.*



## LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION, STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Balance on hand January 1, 1925 . . . . .	\$1,156 58	
Receipts from Trustees of Public Reservations during year 1925:		
March 2 . . . . .	190 00	
September 11 . . . . .	190 00	
Received from E. B. Drumm for rent . . . . .	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,576 58
Expenses during 1925:		
June 6 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	\$50 00	
15 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	85 00	
27 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	49 00	
Aug. 8 E. B. Drumm (1924 and 1925), Services . . . . .	120 00	
24 E. B. Drumm, burning brush . . . . .	16 75	
Sept. 12 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	71 50	
15 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	71 50	
19 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	74 00	
Oct. 2 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	110 00	
5 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	83 50	
13 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	81 25	
23 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	108 00	
27 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	108 00	
Nov. 9 George L. Buck, labor . . . . .	188 00	
Dec. 1 Frank J. Farrell, making and painting signs placed on Monument Mountain property . . . . .	97 50	
	<hr/>	1,314 00
Balance on hand . . . . .		\$262 58

FRANKLIN C. DOWNING, *Treasurer,*  
*Laurel Hill Association.*

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending December 31, 1925, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,  
*Committee on Audit.*

JANUARY 25, 1926.

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\* Deceased.



### OFFICERS, 1891-1925.

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CHARLES W. ELIOT . . . . .	1905-1925

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WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF . . . . .	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON . . . . .	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES . . . . .	1917-1920
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH . . . . .	1922-1925

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PHILIP A. CHASE . . . . .	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT . . . . .	1903-1925

#### Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH . . . . .	1891-1920
JOHN S. AMES . . . . .	1921-1925.

#### Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY . . . . .	1894-1924
CHARLES W. ELIOT 2nd . . . . .	1925

### LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

	ACRES.
Goodwill Park . . . . .	139
Rocky Narrows . . . . .	21
Mount Ann Park . . . . .	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field . . . . .	10
Monument Mountain Reservation . . . . .	260
The Pine Knoll . . . . .	6
Petticoat Hill . . . . .	60

**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.**

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**OF MEMBERS.**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**ARTICLE II.**

**OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES AND CONTRIBUTORS.**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.



## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows:—

*First.* — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.* — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.* — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.* — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.* — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his suecessor in office. He shall keep an exaet reecord of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-



posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

**APPENDIX A.**

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LIST OF MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED WITH  
ANNUAL REPORTS.

1891. Public Holdings of the Shore Towns of Massachusetts. Report by J. B. Harrison, Agent.  
Province Lands. Report by J. B. Harrison, Agent.  
Laws relating to Public Open Spaces.
1892. Circulars issued by Preliminary Committee.  
Statistics of the Public Open Spaces of Massachusetts. Replies to questionnaire sent out by Secretary.  
Report on Province Lands. By Standing Committee to the Legislature.
1893. Public Holdings of Shore Towns in 1893. Report of J. B. Harrison, Agent.  
Summary of Rights of Public on Seashores.  
Preliminary List of Donors of Public Reservations.
1897. Laws relating to Trees.
1898. "Rufus Putnam." By Hon. George F. Hoar.
1899. "The Modern Highwayman." By Arthur R. Kimball, concerning Outdoor Advertising.
1901. Opinion of Attorney-General on Legislative Restriction of Offensive Advertising.
1902. Report of the Superintendent, Province Lands.
1903. An Act to protect Public Parks from Disfigurement by Advertisements.
1904. Status of Legislation in Regard to Offensive Advertising.
1906. Exercises at Dedication of Charles Eliot Memorial Bridge on Great Blue Hill.
1907. "The Harvard Forest." Official Register of Harvard University.
1909. "The Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations." By Charles W. Eliot.
1921. Agreement between Laurel Hill Association and Trustees of Public Reservations for Care and Maintenance of Monument Mountain Reservation.
1922. "Petticoat Hill, for Example." By Frank A. Waugh.
1923. Acts, Votes, and Deed transferring Virginia Wood to Metropolitan District Commission.

## APPENDIX B.

### COMMITTEE ON NEEDS AND USES OF OPEN SPACES.

CHARLES S. BIRD, Jr., *Chairman.*

W. ROGER GREELEY, *Vice-Chairman.*

CHARLES W. ELIOT 2nd, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

9 Park Street, Boston, Mass.

### CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS.

Appalachian Mountain Club.

Boston Society of Landscape Architects.

Federation of New England Bird Clubs.

Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Massachusetts Civic League.

Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards.

Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs.

Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association.

Massachusetts Forestry Association.

Society for the Preservation of Native New England Plants.

Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

Trustees of Public Reservations.

The Committee aims to —

1. Establish an ideal and comprehensive State Plan for gradual open-space development to enable future citizens of the State to enjoy the advantages of outdoor life, — to plan to-day the needs of to-morrow.

2. Work out with State officials a legislative program that will co-ordinate existing administrative departments and provide administrative functions necessary to develop a comprehensive State plan, with particular emphasis on the needs and uses of open spaces.

To these ends the Committee is collecting and recording information concerning existing public lands. A fund of five thousand dollars is being raised to complete this survey and to print this information in a series of bulletins.



The Committee on Needs and Uses of Open Spaces stands for —

A. PROVISION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES by the establishment of more —

1. *Public Reservations* to —

- (a) Preserve the scenic beauties of the State.
- (b) Preserve historical sites and monuments.
- (c) Provide for recreation of the public on beaches and in the woods.

2. *State and Town Forests* to —

- (a) Provide a supply of timber for the future.
- (b) Prevent floods and preserve the natural contours.
- (c) Insure against drought and to protect water-supply areas.
- (d) Redeem lands of low value and make them profitable.
- (e) Encourage the development of private wood lots.

3. *Wild Life Refuges* and Sanctuaries on all State Reservations and Forests for the protection of Birds, Game and Native plants, and the setting aside of particular areas for one or more of these objects.

4. *Metropolitan and Local Parks and Playgrounds* to —

- (a) Provide contact with natural beauty for the city dweller.
- (b) Provide place for active recreation in the form of games.

5. *Parkways, Pleasure Ways and Other Highways* between public open spaces and connecting them with centers of population.

6. *Camp Sites and Auto Parks*, separate from park areas with proper sanitary safeguards.

B. DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES to serve all of the people of the State in accordance with a State Plan.

C. DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES, in accordance with comprehensive plans prepared by qualified experts, to —

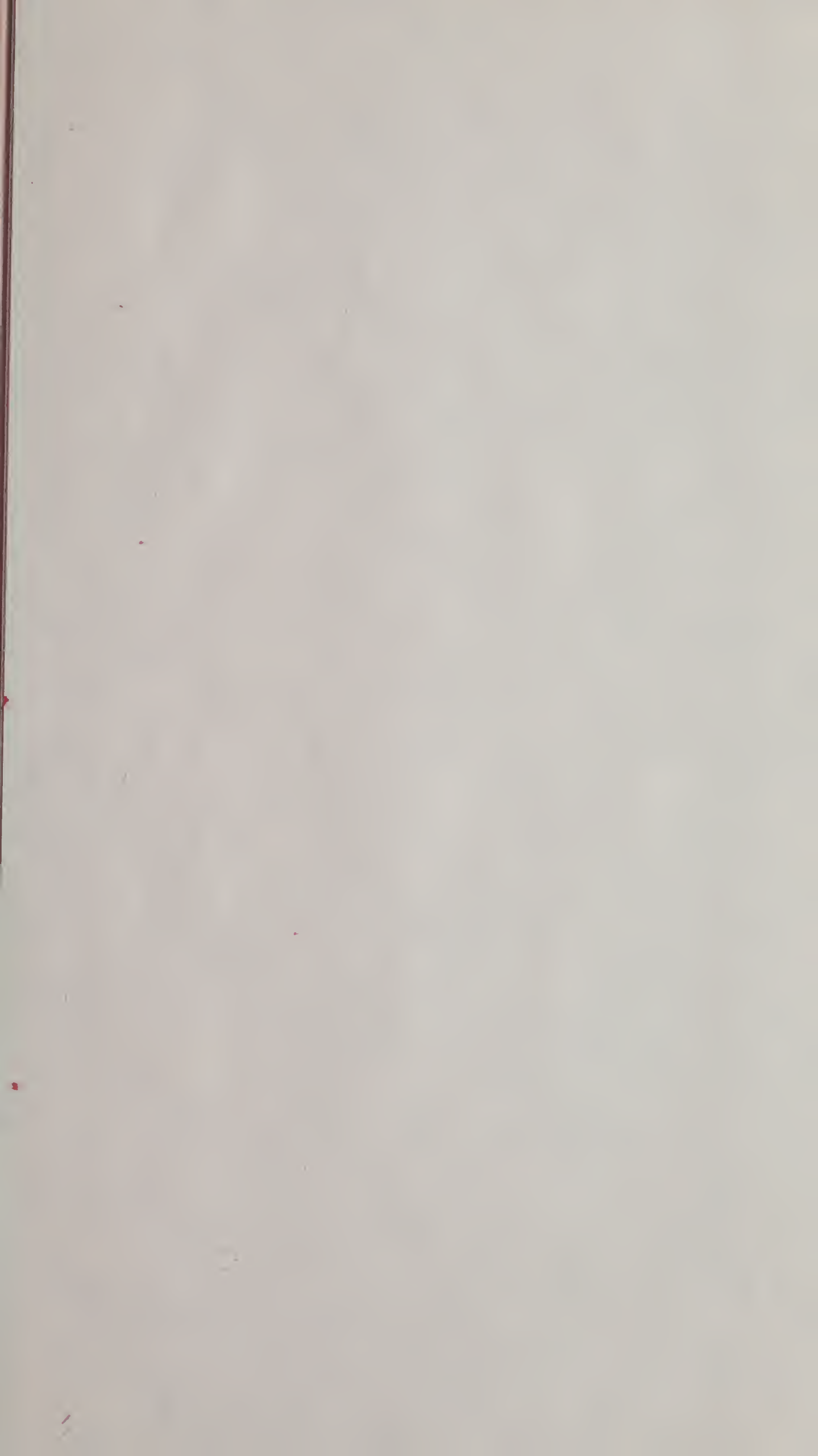
- 1. Provide effectively for the particular purposes for which the open space was established.
- 2. Make accessible by road and trail the features of the area.
- 3. Protect the scenic beauties, historical sites and wild life.

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